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MR. EYRAMJEE JEEJEEBHOY'S Office has been REMOVED to No. 1, Church Gate Street, opposite the Cathedral.

H. M. HOUSE OF CORRECTION, BY CULLA.—FOR SALE, BATHING TOWELS, manufactured by Convict Labour. Sizes—large, about 5 by 3; small, 4 by 3

ON SALE, FRESH BISCUITS in Cask.—Apply to M. W. WILLOUGHBY, Major, Executive Commissariat Officer, Presidency.

FOR SALE, a BROUGHAM and PAIR of HORSES. Price Rs. 1,500. Apply to Messrs. SCOTT and Co., Girgaum.

POST LETTOR.—Mails for Singapore and Hongkong per s.s. Columbian, and for Kurrachee per s.s. Dalhousie, will be closed at the General Post Office To-morrow at 10 A.M. and 12 noon, respectively. C. A. STUART,
Bombay General Post Office, 17th Feb. 1874. Postmaster.

SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, as undermentioned, every fourteen days.

The Steam-ship "ORIENTAL," 1,480 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander DICKINSON, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 21st Feb. 1874, at 4 P.M.

February 1874.		March 1874.	
Leaves BOMBAY	21	Leaves Tuticorin	1
" Ratnagherry	22	" Colombo	2
" Vingorla	23	" Galle	3
" Goa	23	" Nearapatam	6
" Carwar	23	" Pondicherry	7
" Mangalore	24	" Madras	10
" Cannanore	25	" Coconada	11
" Tellicherry	25	" Vizagapatam	12
" Calicut	26	" Chilka Lake	13
" Beypore	26	" Gopaulpore	13
" Cochin	27	" False Point	14
" Aleppy	28	Arrives at CALCUTTA	15

Cargo for Singapore and China can be booked by the Steamers on this line hence or from intermediate ports for transhipment at Galle in the Messageries Maritime Company's Steamers, which run regularly.

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherry District, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Calicut or Beypore, and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta may take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF, via KURRACHEE.

Interchanging Cargo and Passengers at Bussreh, to and from Bagdad, with the Euphrates and Tigris Steam Navigation Company.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every 14 days to the Persian Gulf, touching at KURRACHEE, GUATUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, BUSHIRE, FAO, BUSREH, and occasionally at BAHREIN, KOWEIT, and MAHOMERAH.

The s.s. PUNJAUB, 1,079 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander J. R. GAVIS, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 27th February 1874 at 2 P.M.

Feb. 1874.		March 1874.	
Leave BOMBAY	27	Leave BUSREH	18
" Kurrachee ...	March 3	" Mahomerah	18
" Gwadur	4	" Koweit	20
" Muscat	6	" Bushire	20
" Bunder Abbas	8	" Linga	23
" Linga	10	" Bunder Abbas	27
" Bahrein	12	" Muscat	29
" Bushire	12	" Gwadur	31
" Fao	14	" Kurrachee ...	April 3
" Mahomerah	14	Arrive BOMBAY	6
Arrive BUSREH	15		

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co. Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with the weekly service from England, will during the fair Season despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock.

The s.s. KURRACHEE, 510 Tons, 120 H.P., Commander C. C. D. HOUGHTON, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 20th Feb., 1874, at 2 P.M.

N.B.—No Cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL.

S. S. NEERA.

THE Steam-ship NEERA, 2,200 Tons, 300 H.P., Captain C. C. COBURN, will SAIL for LIVERPOOL via SUEZ CANAL on or about the 25th February 1874.

RATES OF FARES FOR PASSENGERS.

To LIVERPOOL, 1st CLASS.....Rs. 500 ; Exclusive of Ditto 2ND CLASS..... " 350 } Wines, &c.

For Freight and Passage apply to

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

Bombay, 18th November 1873.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Extra Steamer ARETUSA, 1,280 Tons, will be despatched for Trieste on or about the 28th February, to be followed by the regular Monthly Steamer CALYPSO, 2,364 Tons, to leave on or about the 10th March 1874.

These Steamers have only limited accommodation for a small number of Passengers.

RATES OF PASSAGE,

(including a liberal Table, exclusive of Wines and Liquors, transit through Egypt, and free conveyance of 3 cwt. luggage)—

	Cabin.		Deck with Food.
To Trieste	£40	.....	£12-0
To Port Said	£32	.....	£14-6
To Suez	£26	.....	£13-7

Children under 2 years of age, Free ; above 2 and under 10 years, Half Fare.

Cargo taken for Trieste, also for Venice, Constantinople, and Odessa, Aden, Egypt, England, and the Continent generally.

For further particulars, and for Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company.

A. C. GUMPERT, Agent.

Bombay, Elphinstone Circle, 10th February 1874.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY, *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., of GENOA.

THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA and BOMBAY on the 24th, on the 1st of each month.

[PASSENGERS RATES.

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.		2nd Class.		3rd Class.	
To Aden	£52	.....	£40	.....	£24	Jaboahur Wines. Without food.
Suez	36	.....	32	.....	8	
Port Said	38	.....	34	.....	9	
Alexandria	40	.....	36	.....	9-10	
Messina	50	.....	34	.....	14	
Naples	50	.....	34	.....	14	
Leghorn	50	.....	34	.....	14	
Genoa	50	.....	34	.....	14	
Marseilles { transhipment at Genoa	52	.....	38	.....	14-10	

Children under 2 years, free of charge. Children not above 10 years, half fare.

NEXT STEAMER FROM BOMBAY :—

"ASIA," to sail on SUNDAY, 1st March 1874.

"PERSIA," to sail on WEDNESDAY, 1st April 1874.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c., apply to

C. GRONDONA,
Agent Rubattino Steam Navigation Company,
Bombay, 1st January 1874. [No. 9 Rumman Street.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Monday, the 23rd February, 1874, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon Dock.

THE P. & O. Co.'s S. S. GWALIOR, 2,725 Tons, and 450 H.P., Capt. N. HASLEWOOD, R.N.R., will LEAVE for SUEZ, as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Brindisi, Venice, Marseilles, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Messina, Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Trieste, Odessa, Constantinople, Ancona, Havre, Liverpool, London, and New York.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal, in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Cargo for Liverpool will be forwarded either direct or by Steamer to London or Southampton, and thence by rail or steamer.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon on the day of the Steamer's departure, before 10 A.M., in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Road at Mazagon at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

GEO. F. HENRY,
Superintendent, P. & O. Company.

Bombay, 16th February 1874.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Tuesday, the 24th February 1874, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. and O. Co.'s S. S. LOMBARDY, (2,723 tons and 450 H.P.,) Captain E. M. GILLSON, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's Office before noon, on Saturday, the 21st February.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

Bombay, 16th February 1874.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

SUEZ CANAL ROUTE.

It is intended to despatch the following Steamers from Bombay, direct through the Suez Canal to Southampton :—

DECCAN	3,128 Tons	600 H.P.	2nd March 1874.
MALWA	2,933 "	600 H.P.	16th do.
HINDOSTAN	3,113 "	600 H.P.	30th do.
PEKIN	3,777 "	600 H.P.	13th April 1874.
MIRZAPORE	3,703 "	600 H.P.	27th do.
INDUS	3,473 "	500 H.P.	11th May.

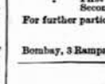
PASSAGE MONEY.

First Class	Rs. 600
Second Class	Rs. 360

For further particulars apply to

GEORGE F. HENRY,
Bombay, 3 Rampart Row. Superintendent.

FOR LIVERPOOL.



THE well known Passenger Steamer EUROPEAN, J. STEEL, Commander, 2,600 Tons, 450 H.P., will sail from Bombay about 5th March.

FIRST-CLASS FARE, Rs. 450.

For Passages only apply to

JOHNSON & Co., Ship Brokers.

Nesbit Lane, Fort, Bombay.

LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(To Leave end of March.)

THE S. S. STRATHCLYDE, C. W. PEARSON, Commander, 1,951 Tons, gross, 1,000 H.P., effective, built expressly for the India trade, will sail as above, taking first-class Passengers only at following rates :—

FARE to LIVERPOOL ..... Rs. 500
Do. SUEZ ..... " 300

Exclusive of WINES and LIQUORS, which can be procured on board.

This Vessel has very superior accommodation, and is fitted with Ice-house Piano, Punkahs, &c., and also carries a Surgeon and Stewardess.

The outward passage was accomplished under 31 days, including detention at Malta and in Canal.

For Passage and further particulars apply to

GRINDLAY, GROOM, & Co.
FINLAY, MUIR, & Co., Agents.

Bombay, February, 1874.

HARBOUR STEAM FERRIES.

UNDER Contract with Government, STEAM FERRY BOATS ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders:—

Fares from Bombay to

	1st Class.		2nd Class.		3rd Class.	
	Rs.	a. p.	Rs.	a. p.	Rs.	a. p.
Oorun	2	0 0	0	2 0	0	4 0
Hog Island	2	0 0	0	1 0	0	6 0
Oolwa	2	0 0	0	12 0	0	6 0
Dhurumtur	2	0 0	0	12 0	0	6 0
Thull	3	0 0	1	0 0	0	8 0
Alibaugh	3	0 0	1	0 0	0	8 0
Rewdunda	4	0 0	1	8 0	0	8 0

The Oorun, Hog Island, and Oolwa Ferry Boat leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and returning leaves Oolwa at 11 A.M.

The Rewas and Dhurumtur Ferry Boat leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 9-30 A.M., and returning leaves Dhurumtur at 2 P.M.

The Thull, Alibaugh, and Rewdunda Ferry Boat leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 3 P.M., and returning leaves Rewdunda at 5 A.M.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No. 33, Meadow Street, Bombay, 17th December 1873.

SURAT AND GOGO STEAM FERRY.

UNDER CONTRACT with GOVERNMENT, STEAM FERRY BOATS ply every alternate day between SURAT and GOGO, and vice versa, Sundays excepted.

FARES.

First Class	Rs. 5 0	Horses	Rs. 4
Second Class	3 0	Carriages	" 4
Third Class	1 8		

The Steamers leave both Surat and Gogo on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS in the morning according to the state of the tide.

The Steamer leaving Surat on FRIDAY proceeds direct to Showrungger, and leaves that Port for Surat on MONDAY morning.

Further particulars can be learnt on application to the undermentioned Agents—

Mr. SYED KHOOTBOODIN, at Surat.
Mr. DINKER NARRAYEN, at Gogo.

Or to the Undersigned at Bombay.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No. 33, Meadow Street, Bombay, 14th January 1874.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

TO-MORROW THURSDAY, the 19th instant, Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will hold their Usual Weekly Auction Sale at their Rooms, a quantity of Grey and Coloured Piece Goods, Twists, &c., &c.

10 bales grey shirtings, 7 1-8 lbs.
3 " orange twist.
2 cases coloured woollen cloth.
5 " prints.

AUCTION SALE OF 4½ PER CENT. GOVERNMENT PAPERS.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 18th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. MENESSE and Co will sell by Public Auction, at their Room, on account and at the risk of the first purchasers Hurjeevun Vussunjee and Vussunjee Dewjee, by order of Cullianjee Mudunjee—

8 Government Papers of 4½ per cent. each of Rs. 10,000.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 18th February 1874.

JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE & COMPANY, NO. 12 APOLLO STREET.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY WEDNESDAY, the 18th inst., at 1 P.M., Messrs JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE & Co. will hold their usual weekly auction sale at their room, No. 12, Apollo Street, Fort, consisting of the following, viz—

Few sets of cut glassware, each set consisting of eight dozens of tall glasses, such as sodawater, and beer tumblers, finger cups, wine, champagne, sherry, claret and liquor glasses, blue and gilt border dinner sets and spare things to complete the sets, stone mortars and pestles suitable for Doctors and Apothecary, English fishing rod, stereoscopes, telescopes, bits, India rubber brace, silk neckties, sewing silk, napkins, bathing towels, white and coloured border handkerchiefs, stockings, socks, 2 cases of carriage whips, 1 case lashings, time-piece, shawl, self acting guitar, 2 cases of dolls, &c. &c.

Lot of furniture such as blackwood carved round and pier tables, fall carved ladies' writing desk, carved foot-stools, hat stands, couches, reclining couches, dining tables, dressing tables, teakwood small round tables, camp cots, cradles, blackwood chests, meat safe, &c.

A quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, such as grey shirtings, madapollams, jaconets, scarfs, prints, chintz, shootings, &c., &c.

1 Case Gilt Mouldings, 8 inches.
1 " " " 6 "
1 " " " 4 "

On account and at the risk of Ahmedally Hussonally, Esq.

B—928—10 Dozen Japanned Skins.

AUCTION SALE of valuable Landed Property, situate at Breach Candy or Tardeo Road.

Messrs. JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE and Co. are instructed by the sub-mortgagees to sell by public auction on the premises, on SATURDAY, the 21st day of February, at 4 o'clock, on account and risk of Merwanjee Nusserwanjee Nadershaw, and Pestonjee Byramjee Heerajee Colah, pursuant to the power of sale contained in the deeds of mortgage, the following property, viz :—

All that piece or parcel of freehold salt batty ground, or forashland, with the two bungalows and outhouses, situate on the east side of Breach Candy or Tardeo Road, in the sub-district of Bhoolesh wur, Bombay, formerly assessed by the collector of assessment under Nos. 6 and 6A and now under Nos. 15 and 16, containing by admeasurement 26 burghas and 30 square yards or thereabouts, and registered by the collector of land revenue under Nos. 528 and 529, and bounded on the east by the salt batty ground of Wassoodew Bamchunder, on the west by the said Breach Candy or Tardeo Road, on the north partly by the property of Jetha Ladha and partly by the salt batty ground of the said Wassoodew Bamchunder, and on the south partly by the salt batty ground belonging to the late Huttoosjee Eduljee and partly by the property of Muddon Bhicojee, which said premises and premises are now in the occupation of Burjorjee Rustomjee Manikjee Framjee and the said Pestonjee Byramjee Heerajee Colah respectively.

JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE & Co.

Bombay, 18th February 1874.

SALES BY AUCTION.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS & CO.
40, Meadow Street.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 18th instant, Messrs NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at 3 o'clock P.M., at their Room, Meadow Street, No. 40,

A quantity of Grey and Coloured Piece Goods :—Containing Grey shirtings, Twists, Jaconets, madapollams, and dhuties, and other sundry goods.

NUSSERWANJEE, CULLIANDASS & Co.

Bombay, 18th February 1874.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY, 2, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

SALE of Fresh Oilmanstores from the well-known and celebrated Purveyors, Crosse and Blackwell; just landed ex Glengyle.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 18th inst., at 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will submit to Public Auction at their room, an invoice of fresh oilmanstores, consisting of assorted pickles, mushrooms and walnut catsup, Harvey sauce, raspberry vinegar, essence of anchovies, assorted syrups, salad oil, white wine vinegar, assorted jams, assorted tart fruits, (1 lb. tins) assorted jams, Oxford and Hotspur sausages, red herrings, assorted soups, Yarmouth bloaters, kippered herrings, green peas, Lancashire stewed and preserved mushrooms, Milton oysters, potted meats, Dreh and Wiltshire bacon, Cheddar and Berkley cheese, Worcestershire sauce, Napoleon Price's Hair Powder, &c.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 18th February 1874.

BENNETT AND COMPANY, No. 4, FORBES STREET.

BEST INVESTMENT.

AUCTION SALE of valuable landed properties at Bellasis Junction Road, Byculla, and Wahim.

On WEDNESDAY, the 4th proximo, at 1 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to submit to Public Auction, on the respective premises, by order of the owner, Mr. Cowasjee Nowrojee Lamna, and with consent and knowledge of the mortgagee, the following valuable landed properties, viz. :—

Lot. No. 1.—All that piece or parcel of Fuzendaree land or ground, together with the messuage, tenements, or dwelling-house with out-houses standing, compound and five large sheds for stable standing thereon, situated at Bellasis Junction Road, Byculla, without the Fort, in the subdistrict of Mazagon, and assessed by the Collector of Municipal Assessment under Nos. 29, 30 and 31, containing by admeasurement 3,671 3/9 square yards, or thereabouts, be more or less, and bounded on the east by the property of Mr. Nowrojee Nusserwanjee Lamna, on the west by the property of the late Cassumbhoy Natha, on the north by the Jewish burial ground, and on the south by the Bellasi Junction Road, yielding monthly rental of Rs. 160.

Lot No. 2.—On THURSDAY, the 5th proximo at 4 P.M.

All that piece or parcel of Furzendaree land or ground, together with the messuage, tenements, or upper storied pucka built large bungalow, cook house, godown, garden, well, compound, standing thereon, situate at Bellasis Junction Road, without the Fort, in the subdistrict of Mazagon, assessed by the Collector of Municipal Assessment under No. 33, containing by admeasurement 1,167 1/9 square yards, or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and bounded on the east by the property of Nowrojee Nusserwanjee Lamna, on the west by the property of Avabai, widow of Nowrojee Nusserwanjee Lamna, on the south by Tank Street, on the north by the Bellasis Junction Road, yielding monthly rental of Rs. 45.

Lot No 4—On MONDAY, the 9th proximo, at 3 o'clock P.M., on the premises at Mahim. All that piece or parcel of land or ground or cart or plantation, with mangoe trees, garden, and a large well containing two wheels, of ground called or known by the name Dhuska Pends, situate in the Mahim wood in the island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 6,187 7/9 square yards or thereabouts, be more or less, assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue for Pension and Tax under No. 281 and bounded as follows : on the east by the cart of Dadabhoy Bungalee, on the west by the public lane, on the north by the cart of Bundoo Canara, and on the south by the public lane.

Lot No. 5.—On MONDAY, the 9th proximo, at 5 o'clock P.M. All that piece or parcel of land or ground or cart or plantation containing one wheel of ground called or known by the name of Vera, situate in the Mahim wood, in the island of Bombay, fronting on the western sea side, containing by admeasurement 3,707 7-9 square yards, thereabouts be more or less, assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue for Pension and Tax under No. 284, and bounded by the east by the cart of Mrs. Mary Ellis and Sons, executrix of Luxumon Go indjee, deceased, on the west by the sea shore, on the north by the cart of Bhoojee Purbhoo, and on the south by the public lane. This beautiful and healthy spot is very desirable for building purposes.

Lot No. 6.—On TUESDAY, the 10th proximo at 4 p.m. All that piece or parcel of Furzendaree land or ground, together with the messuage, tenement, or upper storied pucka built large dwelling house, and six large stables for 200 to 300 horses, standing thereon, situated at Bellasis Junction Road, Byculla, without the Fort, in the subdistrict of Mazagon, assessed by the Collector of Municipal Assessment under Nos 33 and 34, containing by admeasurement 9,284 7-9 square yards or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and bounded as follows : on the east by Gola Lane and passage, on the west by the property of Nowrojee Nusserwanjee Lamna, on the north by Jewish synagogue, and on the south by the Bellasis Junction Road, yielding the monthly rental of Rs 230

Lot No. 7.—On WEDNESDAY, the 11th proximo, at 4 p.m. All that piece or parcel of Furzendaree land or ground, situate at Bellasis Junction Road, Byculla, without the Fort, in the subdistrict of Mazagon, containing by admeasurement 757 7-9 square yards, be the same more or less, and bounded as follows : on the east by the vacant ground of Nowrojee Nusserwanjee Lamna, Lot No. 4, on the west by the property of Nowrojee Nusserwanjee Lamna, No. 7, on the north by the Jewish Synagogue, and on the south by the property of Nowrojee Nusserwanjee Lamna, No. 2.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 18th February 1874.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & CO.

AUCTION SALE of very Valuable Landed Properties at Don Tar and Shamjee Hussajee Street.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 19th inst., at 4 p.m. Messrs. Mehrjee, Johnston & Co. will by order of the auction, mortgagee, by order of the mortgagees for Lot No. 1, Ezekiel Jacob Shorrocker, and for Lot No. 2, Moses Reubin Poogowker) and on account and risk of Moos Hindi Walker, an insolvent mortgagor, the following landed properties, viz. :—

Lot No. 1.—All that piece or parcel of Government land or ground, together with the messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house without houses standing, compound and five large sheds for stable standing thereon, situated at Bellasis Junction Road, Byculla, without the Fort, in the subdistrict of Mazagon, and assessed by the Collector of Municipal Assessment under Nos. 29, 30 and 31, containing by admeasurement 3,671 3/9 square yards, or thereabouts, be more or less, and bounded on the east by the property of Mr. Nowrojee Nusserwanjee Lamna, on the west by the property of the late Cassumbhoy Natha, on the north by the Jewish burial ground, and on the south by the Bellasi Junction Road, yielding monthly rental of Rs. 160.

Lot No. 2.—On THURSDAY, the 5th proximo at 4 P.M.

All that piece or parcel of Furzendaree land or ground, together with the messuage, tenements, or upper storied pucka built large bungalow, cook house, godown, garden, well, compound, standing thereon, situate at Bellasis Junction Road, without the Fort, in the subdistrict of Mazagon, assessed by the Collector of Municipal Assessment under No. 33, containing by admeasurement 1,167 1/9 square yards, or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and bounded on the east and on the west by the property of Nowrojee Nusserwanjee Lamna, on the north by the vacant ground lot No. 4, on the south by the Bellasis Junction Road, and yielding the monthly rental of Rs. 45.

Lot No. 3.—On FRIDAY, the 6th proximo at 4 P.M.

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BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 18th February 1874.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY.

EXCHANGE on London has remained very much the same, and not much business reported has having been closed either for immediate or for forward mails.

There is very little doing in Government Securities and no alteration worth quoting in prices.

Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	1s. 11 7/16d.
Bank Bills, 3 months' sight	1s. 11 3/16d.
Bank Bills, on demand	1s. 10 15/16d. to 1/11d.
Documents, 6 months' sight	1s. 11 11/16d.
Documents, 4 do.	1s. 11¾d.
Credit Bills, 6 do.	1s. 11¾d.
Credit 3 do.	1s. 11¾d.

On Calcutta Bank Bills, 60 days' sight	98
Do. demand	99 13/16
On Madras 30 days' sight	99¼
Do. demand	par
On Ch na House Bills, 60 days' sight	219.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent.	106¾
Four & half per cent.	102¾
Four per cent.	101¾
Four and half per cent. (Public Works Loan)	103
Five per cent. Debenture Loan, 1866-67	103¾
15 year's Debenture Loans	103¾
10 years' do. do.	105
5 years' do. do.	103
Six per cent. Municipal Loan House Rate	112
Do. do. Market Rate	112
New French Loan 5 per cent, fully paid up of 1871 and 1872	97
New French Loan instalment paper of 1872	94
Paris Municipal Loan (Debenture Rs. 117 per Bond	111

Rates of discount at New Bank of Bombay—	
Loans on Government Paper on demand	9 per cent.
Fixed Loans on do. to 3 months'	9 ,,
Do. on Merchandise	11 ,,
Cash Credit do. to 3 months'	10 ,,
Bank Bills	9 ,,
Mercantile Paper	12 ,,

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each	Rs. 10-9
Cassias	,, 199
Mexican Dollars	,, 222
Five-Franc Pieces	,, 2 14½
Bar Silver	,, 106¾
Gold Leaf	,, 16-12
Bar Gold 10 ozs. English 100 touch	,, 16-14
Australian Gold 100 touch	,, 16-14

FREIGHT REPORT.

TUESDAY EVENING.

THERE are now 22 steamers left Suez for Bombay. Rates for Liverpool have declined to £2-8-9, and still look down. The steamers Bewick and Nyanza are reported chartered by Government to convey rice, Burmah to Calcutta, and two other steamers are in treaty for the same destination. By sailing vessels there is a lull in the demand, but rates are firm. Business is being interrupted by the approaching Mohurrum holidays. After they close comes the Hoolee festival, so that the outlook for steamers is not at all favourable just now. The big iron ship Indian Empire, 1,515 tons, is reported fixed for Havre and London at £3-5 and £2-15 respectively.

London	Cotton, Cases, Seeds	No ship
Liverpool	Iron Ships Cotton	£2 12s. 6d.
	Woolen ships ,,	£2 12s. 6d.
	Myrabollams	£1 15s. od.
	Coir bdls	£0 10s. 0d.
	Seeds	£1 10s. 0d.
Havre	Cotton	£3 2s 6d to £3 5s.
	Coffee	

Overland Steamers—

London	£3 0s. 0d.
Venice	£3 0s. 0d.
Trieste	£3 0s. 0d.
Liverpool	£3 0s. 0d.
Havre Cotton	£3 0s. 0d.
Liverpool via Suez Canal — Wheat	£2 10s. 0d.
Seeds	£2 10s. 0d.
Cotton	£2 7s. 9d.
China — Steamer Cotton	Rs. 20 per ton.
,, Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 per chest.
Sailing Ships	Rs. 4 per bale nominal
Calcutta Salt	Rs. 8 per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay	Rs. 12 port charges.
Mauritius	Nothing doing.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nominal value of Sh.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	5 p.ct.	Agra Bank	99
22,000	1,000	all	7½ pct.	Bank of Bengal	1,460
10,000	500	all	5 p. ct.	Do of Bombay New	736
10,000	500	100	5 p. ct.	Do. 2nd Issue	102
5,250	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,140
11,000	250	all	8 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. & China	165
40,000	281	all	12 pct	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	450 nl
40,000	200	all	5 pct.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	175
10,000	250	125	5 p.ct.	National Bank of India.	127
10,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	495

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

.....	£25	21½-3/4	p.c	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	233
.....	£20	10 9/16	do.	Do. New £20 Shares	126
.....	£20	43 1/2	do.	Ditto	
.....	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,125
.....	£10	19 7/8	do.	Do. New Shares	

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	Rs. 60	Colaba Land C	1,320
3,000	150	all	Nil.	Frere Land & Pier Co. Ld.	108
750	2,000	2,000	30p.s.	Mazagon Land	940
6,000	1,000	all	15p.s.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	260

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

620	1,250	all	112)	Alexandra Spinning	1,320
560	2,500	all	140*	Alliance Spinning	2,780
300	2,000	all		Bhownuggur M. & P. Co.	1,975
800	1,000	all	60*	Bombay United	1,320
1,600	150	150	25*	Broach Mills	280
2,500	2,000	all	300p.	Dhurumsey Spinning	1,700
750	2,000	all	300p.s	Great Eastern	2,000
750	3,000	all		Jeewraj Bullo Mills	1,785
1,800	1,000	all	75 p.s	Manockji Petit's	1,260
900	1,000	all	100 p.s	Morarjee Spinning	1,315
800	2,500	a l	150 p.s	Oriental	3,800
620	2,500	400	200 p.s	Royal	2,250
900	1,000	all	...	Soonderdas Spinning	1,750

* Per share for the half-year.

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,850	180 p.s	Akbar Cotton Press Co.	1,650
300	2,000	1,100	150p.s	Albert Co. Kurrachee	930
100	500	all	15 p.s.	Albert Ginning Co.	500
250	3,000	850	Nil.	Alexandra Press Co.	200
150	12,000	1,500	100p.s.	Apollo Press Co.	5,500
200	2,500	all	...	Berar Cotton G. & P. Co.	1,400
200	2,000	all	200p.s.	Bombay Press Co.	800
200	500	all	50 p.s	Do New	200
850	1,000	1,000	100 p.s	Bronch Cotton Co	500
100	1,500	...	...	Carwar Company	700
500	1,200	all	40 *	Colaba Press Co.	3,900
350	2,000	all	250p.s.	East India Press Co.	2,700
150	8,500	all	500 *	Fort Press Co.	4,200
400	2,000	1,800	75 p.s	Framji Cowasji Press Co	430
80	1,000	all	70 p.s	French Press Co	695
250	5,000	1,425	75 p.s	Imperial Press Co.	750
200	400	250	60 p.s	Mofussil Press & G. Co.	545
800	2,000	5 00	...	Nicol Press Manuf. Co., Ld	1,850
120	2,500	750	125 p.s	Prince of Wales Press	1,530
200	1,000	all	80...	Sassoon's Press Co.	1,000
400	1,000	750	135 p.s	Scinde Press Co.	500
100	1,000	750	...	Scinde and Punjab Cotton Press Co., Limited	1,100
32	1,500	1,350	Rs. 8	Victoria Press, Madras	1,150
120	850	all	60 p.s	Vic. Cot. Gin & Press Co.	850
450	1,000	all	80 p.s*	Volkart United Press Co.	950

* Per share for the half year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

.....	2,500	1,500	125p.s.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,350
1,000	50	all	45 p.ct	Bombay Gas Company	65
800	500	300	15 p.s.	Landing and Shipping Co. of Kurrachee Ld.	102
2,150	200	100	8 p.c.	Malabar Company Ld.	100
4,000	50	all	12 p.s.	Mechanics' Build'gs Co.	26
	500	all	45 p.s.	Treacher & Co	395
	250	all	40 p.s.	Viegas Patent Slip Co	50

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of Liquidation		
.....	95	19½	...	Bank of China
.....	250	2	Mar. '66	Central Bank
.....	...	...	...	East India Bank
.....	200	13	Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula
.....	200	70½	May '67	Royal Bank

SALES AND PURCHASES.

PIECE GOODS.

We have no change to report in the state of the market, and prices remain quite unaltered. The following sales are reported to have taken place yesterday :—

450 pairs	Grey Dhotees	...	44 in. 10 yds.	...	at Rs. 1 11 0
600 ,,	,,	,,	... 44 ,, 10 ,,	...	at ,, 1 13 0

COTTON, &c.

Reuter's of Monday evening reports the Liverpool market as closing steady, with Surats quiet but unchanged. The sales are somewhat larger than the average, being about 15,000 bales, of which 3,000 are on account of speculation and for exports, and of which 4,500 are of Surats. There is, however, no change in our yesterday's quotations, and Fair Dholleras continues to stand at 5 1-16d, per lb, Broach at 6d, Oomrawuttee at 5 7-16d, Orleans at 8 5 16 d, and Mid Uplands at 16¾ cents per lb. Imports at Liverpool are given at 18,000 bales, and those at U. S. ports amount to 16,000 bales only. The Manchester Market is reported quiet with little enquiry. The Produce Markets remain generally quiet, and except a slight decline in Wheat we have no quotable change to report in prices. Money is said to be easier. Our latest telegram from Calcutta is dated 16th instant, in which prices of Government Securities show an upward tendency, and an advance of ¼ to ½ per cent is observable in Fours and Fives and half. The rates of exchange are also slightly weaker. For Piece Goods there is very little demand, but prices when compared with our previous quotations show no change of any moment. The Cotton market here continues steady, and prices are tending in favour of sellers. Oomrawuttees and Akote are getting scarce, and consequently there has been a further advance of Rs. 2 per candy. The following are our closing quotations :—

New Oomrawuttee	Rs.	184-185
,, Akote	,,	187-189
,, Broach M. G.	,,	192-195
,, Hingunghaut	,,	204-206
,, Dholleerah (April)	,,	177-178
Old Dholleras	,,	145-150
,, Sawginned	,,	168-170
,, Vingoria	,,	145-152

The undermentioned purchases are reported to have been made by European firms yesterday :—

25	candies	New	Khandeish	at Rs.	165
50	,,	,,	,,	at ,,	166
100	,,	,,	W.S.	at ,,	158-62½
50	,,	,,	,,	at ,,	165-70
50	,,	,,	Barsee	at ,,	177½
25	,,	,,	F. P. B.	at ,,	182½
50	,,	,,	,,	at ,,	178-82
25	,,	,,	Akote, FPB1 month	at ,,	189
50	,,	,,	Julgaum F. P. B.	at ,,	171
50	,,	,,	,,	at ,,	176
25	,,	,,	Nuggur	at ,,	175½
50	,,	,,	,,	at ,,	180
50	,,	,,	Karanjo F. P. B.	at ,,	177-78
100	,,	,,	,,	at ,,	179
200	,,	,,	Akote F P B (March)	at ,,	187
100	,,	,,	,,	at ,,	188
50	,,	,,	Broach, M. G.	at ,,	192
25	,,	,,	,,	at ,,	191
100	,,	,,	Bhownuggur, March	at ,,	178
25	,,	,,	,,	at ,,	177½-78½
200	,,	,,	Uejar (March)	at ,,	170
25	,,	Old	Dholleras,	at ,,	145
50	,,	,,	Dharwar Sawginned	at ,,	170

YARNS.

The market for all kinds of Yarns remains verydull and prices are quite of a nominal character. No sales have taken place.

METALS.

There is no quotable change to report in prices, and almost no business is doing from first hands.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
17	West Stanley (s)	Hynes	Liverpool, Jan. 10.
	Ocrun (s)	Nicolas	Dwarka, Feb. 15.
	Raffaile (s)	Nacoda	Dwarka, Feb. 13.
	H M S Dalhousie	Warner	Aden, Feb. 6.
	Mathew Cay (s)	Bradley	Cardiff.

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
17	Alexander McNeil Storer		Akyab.
	Evangeline	Aden	Falso Point.
	Columbian (s)	Stead	China, &c.
	Ocrun (s)	Nacoda	Cutch.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—
Ship Bencfactress, Gibbs, to Liverpool.
Ship Inspector, Thomas, to New York.

The following vessels were entered out for loading yesterday :—
Steamer Lombardy, to China, &c.
Steamer Oriental, to Coast, Calcutta and China.
Steamer Kurrachee, to Kurrachee.

DAILY EXPORTS.—17TH FEBRUARY.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Benton, 500 bales cotton, Soonderdass Mooljee; 154 bales cotton, Aycuron Khimjee.
Thunderbolt, 300 bales cotton, Campbell, Mitchell & Co.; 200 bales cotton, Knoop & Co.
Accrington, 252 bags linseed, Curriumbhoy Heerjee; 400 bales cotton, Lyon & Co.
Norah Creenlee, 1,000 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.
Dreadnought, 50 bales cotton, Jumnadass Tricomdass.
Beaun Uamba, 121 bags linseed, Finlay, Scott & Co.
Flora, 500 bales cotton, Jumnadass Tricomdass.
Stephenson s, 44 bales hides and skins, Fuckermahomed Cheroo Abboo Sailay & Co; 25 bales wool, Trimbhdass Doolachund; 159 bales cotton, Ewart, Latham & Co; 100 bales cotton, Killick Nixon and Co; 480 bags wheat, Wallace and Co; 200 bales cotton, Peel, Cassels and Co; 31 bales wool, Pursunjee Vusta.
Rinaldo s, 20 bales wool, Chimondass Madowdass; 26 bales wool, Assur Rowjee; 265 bales cotton, Edward Baudry and Co; 50 bales wool, Jaitha Vuris; 50 bales cotton, Lyon and Co; 100 bales wool, Mooljee Gokuldass.
Menzaleh s, 860 bags myrabollams, Remington and Co; 640 bags wheat, Wallace and Co; 35 bales wool, Megjee Dayal.
Trent s, 170 cases coir yarn, Cursumsey Khetsey; 600 bales cotton, Volkert Brothers; 58 bales cotton, Manockjali Chounjali; 400 bags wheat, Wallace and Co.
Tiber s, 51 bales hemp, Lalljee Narranjee.
Aristocrat s, 500 bales cotton, Nusserwanjee Mannockjee and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Timor s, 8 cases oilsbamun, Ebram Hassom; 345 pieces E. teeth, and 1¼ cwt moye teeth, Mammedjee Adomjee Sumjee, Hussun Noormahomed; 21 bags coffee, Nursey Khatow.

FOR VENICE.

Gwalior s, 150 bales cotton, and 1,185 bags coffee, P. and O. Co.; 100 bales cotton, N. Mannockjee and Co.
Royal Standard s, 1,000 bales cotton, G. Sigg and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Gwalior s, 150 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers; 3,057 bags coffee and 100 bags pepper, P. and O. Co.
Archdruid s, 300 bags pepper, Pianque, Vinay and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Gwalior s, 150 bales cotton, 42 bags ginger, and 701 bags coffee, P. and C. Co.; 250 bales cotton, W. and A. Graham and Co.; 150 bales cotton, A. Riebe and Co, 100 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.
Royal Standard s, 109 bales cotton, E. Spinner and Co.; 100 bales cotton, Austrian Trading Co.; 250 bales cotton, G. Sigg and Co.; 35 bales cotton, Volkart Bros.

FOR FALMOUTH

Lydia Scholfield, 2,000 bales cotton, Grendon, Tippet and Co.

FOR SUEZ

Gwalior s, 2 cases silk, Behrend Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Columbian s, 1 package samuda stone, Ebram Noordin and Co.; 38 bales cotton, Motiram Furuseram.
Lombardy s, 26 bales cotton, B. I. S. N. Co.

DAILY IMPORTS.—17TH FEBRUARY.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Menzaleh s, 6 cases thread, Abdoolally Dawoodkhan.
Timor s, 119 bundles and 1354 bars iron, Gurlabhoy Khanbhoy.

FROM LONDON.

Duna s, 38 casks beers, R. Martin and Co; 16 cases paper, Escofally Abdoolally; 15 cases paper, Tyabally Abdoolally; 22 casks pale ale, and 20 casks stout, C. Bonnevialle and Co,
Ava s, 146 cases sherry, 39 cases claret, 80 cases hock, and 5 cases maraschino, Cutler, Palmer and Co; 250 casks beer, Dinshaw Sorabjee and Co.
Nio s, 13 barrels rosin, Escofally Somsoodin.
Glengyle s, 19 boxes brass sheets Byramjee.
Rinaldo s, 7 casks phials, Abdoolhoosein Abdoolally.
Good Hope s, 8 cases paper, Rhicoo Sahba and Co.
Strathclyde s, 100 cases brandy, Jemsetjee Nowrojee.

VESSELS IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

1931 Accrington, Christie—Framjee, Sands & Co.
1330 Amyone, Murphy—Volkart Brothers.
1179 Beaun Uamba, Mccann—Ewart, Latham & Co.
952 Benton, Elli-tt—Lyon & Co.
1576 Benefactress, Gibbs—Ewart, Latham & Co.
1062 Contest, Carruthers—The Captain.
1497 Dreadnought, Fry—The Captain.
814 Flora, Cameron—M. Nusserwanjee.
978 Gad's Hill, Kelly—The Captain.
1001 Norah Greenlee, Cape—Edward Bates & Co.
1193 Thunderbolt, Goldsworthy—Ritchie, Stuart, & Co.

FOR FALMOUTH.

1218 Lydia Skolfield, Forsyth—Farnham & Co.

FOR AMSTERDAM.

566 Taranaki, Phillips—Sir C. Forbes & Co.

FOR HAVRE.

899 Marlborough, Samson—W. Nicol & Co.
695 Sepia, Connell—Peel, Cassels & Co.

FOR NEW YORK.

1319 Cavour, Evans—Lawrence & Co.
1482 Inspector, Thomas—The Captain.

FOR PENANG.

934 St. Bernard, Jourdien—S. Tyebjee & Co.

FOR CALCUTTA.

1339 Lady Egedia, Richards—The Captain.

FOR MUSCAT.

264 Sirius, Garre—Hajee Adam Sedick.

NOT FIXED.

949 Alabama, Weir—S. A. Soobhoy.
1391 Canara, Mathews—W. Nicol & Co.
464 Cresswell, White—Remington & Co.
398 Decide, Hynsens—H. A. Sedick.
530 Eagle Hodgson—The Captain.
1077 Gladstone, Watson—Merwanjee Nusserwanjee.
1215 Indian Empire, Blackwood—Sir C. Forbes & Co.
766 J. P. Smith, Williams—Merwanjee Nusserwanjee.
497 Joinville, Seignan, Hajee Salen Seedeck.
1307 Prince Leopold, Moore—The Captain.
1239 Prince Victor, Baillie—The Captain.
1328 Prospero, Wilmarth—The Captain.
698 Schah Jehan, Freebody.
709 Soltana, Seals—Merwanjee Nusserwanjee.
699 Zephyrus, Dannis—The Captain.

STEAMERS.

OVERLAND MAIL STEAMER.

1727 Gwalior, Hazelwood—P. & O. Co.

FOR LONDON.

869 Malacca, James—B. I. S. N. Co.
1440 Timor, Brown—Finley, Muir & Co.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

954 Aristocrat, Bowick—Alsen, Riebe, & Co.
1275 Menzaleh, Warden—W. Nicol & Co.
1338 Rinaldo, Newmann—W. Nicol & Co.
865 Stephenson, Foster—W. Nicol & Co.
1412 Tiber, Clarke—Merwanjee Nusserwanjee.
1419 Trent, Dumbrick—Merwanjee Nusserwanjee.

FOR MARSEILLES.

811 Arch Druid, Thomson—Volkart Brothers.

FOR TRIESTE.

818 Royal Standard, Kurby—McCulloch, Brown & Co.

FOR CHINA, &c.

1762 Lombardy, Gilson—P. & O. Co.

FOR COAST, CALCUTTA, AND CHINA.

1096 Oriental, Dickinson—B. I. S. N.

NOT FIXED.

1708 Ava, Starrat—B. I. S. N. Co.
981 Alnwick Castle, Freeman—McCulloch, Brown & Co.
1232 Baroda, Almond—P. & O. Co.
852 Duns, Thompson—W. & A. Graham & Co.
1069 Massilia, Anderson—P. & O. Co.
873 Tynemouth Castle, Wood—Sir Charles Forbes & Co.
992 West Stanley, Hynes—Sir Charles Forbes & Co.

COUNTRY TRADERS.

NOT FIXED.

111 Mahi, Nacoda—D. B. Khan.

ROYAL NAVY AND BOMBAY MARINE.

574 Abyssinia, James, R. N.
300 Clyde (ordinary).
472 Dagmar, Steam Tug, Downing.
1066 Dalhousie, Warner.
237 Magdala, Palmer, R. N.
4414 Malabar, Sullivan.—Troop ship
803 May Frere, Gatterie.
4414 Serapis, Bickford.—Troop ship.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS—FEBRUARY 14.

Turner, Deputy Surgeon General, Staff, on leave, from Ahmedabad.
Sinclair, Honorary Surgeon, Medical Department, on leave, from Kolapore.

FEBRUARY 16.

Tombs, Major General, Bengal Royal Artillery, on medical certificate, from Jubbulpore.
Hitchins, Major, Bengal Police, on furlough, from Hazaribagh.
Greenaway, Lieutenant, Bengal 40th Regiment, to appear before a medical board, from Lucknow.
Hills, Major, Royal Engineers, on leave, from Kirkee.

FEBRUARY 17.

Cadell, Sub-Lieutenant, 83rd Regiment, on leave, from Madras

DEPARTURES—FEBRUARY 16.

Tombs, Major General, Bengal Royal Artillery, on medical certificate, to England.
Hancock, Lieutenant Colonel, Royal Engineers, Public Works Department, on leave, to England.
Exham, Lieutenant, Bengal Royal Engineers, to join, to Rookee.

FEBRUARY 17TH.

Pont, Surgeon, Madras Medical Department, on leave, to Beypore.
Pole, Lieutenant, 18th Hussars, to join, to Bangalore.
Baldon, Captain, 68th Regiment, to join, to Poona.
Worgan, Colonel, Royal Artillery, on leave, to Poona.
Martinow, Surgeon Major, Bengal A. M. D., to join, to Bengal.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

GENERAL.

Capt P W Powlett, Political Agent of the 2nd Class, at present employed as Settlement Officer at Ulwur, is posted to the Political Agency at Ulwur, during the absence on furlough of Capt T. Cadell, VC.

Capt H B Abbott, Political Asst of the 3rd Class, to officiate as Settlement Officer at Ulwur, vice Capt Powlett.

Lieut Col A H E Hutchinson, Offg Political Agent at Meywar, is granted 30 days' subsidiary leave or absence preparatory to proceeding on furlough to Europe.

Maj R C Bradford, Political Agent of the 2nd Class, is appointed to officiate as Resident of the 3rd Class, and is posted to Meywar as Political Agent, during the absence of Lieut Col Hutchinson, or until further orders.

Lieut Col R C Rose, Political Agent of the 2nd Class, and Offg Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, is confirmed in his appointment and graded as a Resident of the 2nd Class from the date on which Col Pelly was confirmed as Agent to the Govr Genl Rajpootana.

From the same date Capt C Grant and Capt J A Wright, Political Agent of the 3rd Class to be Political Agent of the 2nd Class, vice Lieut Col E C Rose.

From the same date Capt C Grant, Supt Political Agent of the 3rd Class, to be Political Agent of the 3rd Class.

Lieut Col Mowbray Thomson, Agent to the Govr Genl with the King of Oudh, and Supt of Pol. Inal Pensions, is granted privilege leave of absence for three months from the 1st May next, or from the date on which he may avail himself of the same.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned Officer is permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs :—

Surgn Maj Benjamin Simpson, M D, of the Medical Department,—for nine months.

The services of Surgn F P Edis, M D, of the Medical Dept, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Foreign Dept.

The undermentioned Officers are permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs :—

Lieut Col [Brev Col] Henry Hopkinson, B S C, Comr of Assam and Govr Genl's Agent on N E Frontier,—for two years.

Lieut Col Patrick Maxwell, B S C, Depy Comr, 1st Class, Punjab,—for two years.

Major John Mackie Stewart, of the late 35th N I, Wing Officer, 21st P N I,—for two years.

The following temporary promotions are made in the Commissioned Grades of the Army Commissariat Department from 18th January 1874, during the absence, on special duty, of Lieutenant Colonel A McKenzie, Actg Asst Comy Genl, 1st Class, until further orders :—Col S Chalmers, Depy Asst Comy Genl, 1st Class; and Actg Asst Comy Genl, 2nd Class, to Act as Asst Comy Genl, 1st Class.

Maj J V Hunt, Deputy Assistant Commissary General, 2nd Class, and Acting Deputy Assistant Commissary General 1st Class, to act as Assistant Commissary General, 2nd Class.

Capt W G Smith, Sub Asst Comsy Genl, 1st Class, and Actg Depy Asst Comsy Genl, 2nd Class, to act as Depy Asst Comsy Genl, 1st Class.

Capt H Rowland, Sub Asst Comsy Genl, 2nd Class, and Actg Sub-Asst Comsy Genl, 1st Class, to act as Depy Asst Comsy Genl, 2nd Class.

Maj A W Montagu, Sub-Asst Comsy Genl, 1st Class, and Actg Depy Asst Comsy Genl, 2nd Class, to act as Depy Asst Comsy Genl, 1st Class.

Cap F A Thomas, Sub-Asst Comsy Genl, 2nd Class, and Actg Sub-Asst Comsy Genl, 1st Class, to act as Depy Asst Comsy Genl, 2nd class.

H E the Govr Genl in Council is pleased to make the following appointment :—

Capt H W J Sconce, B S C, 2nd Wing Subaltern, 34th (The Futtehgurh) N I, to officiate in the Comst Dept as a temporary arrange ent, and until further orders.

Under the authority of the Rt Hon'ble the Secy of State for India, it is hereby notified that the Grade of Asst Surgn having been abolished in the Indian Medical service a corresponding change will be made in regard to Officers of the Subordinate Medical Department holding no army rank as noted below :—

Hos Asst Surgeons all to be styled Hosp Surgeon, and Dis. Assistant Surgeons to be styled Hosp Surgeon Maj.

Surgn Surgn Maj Thomas Edwin Burton Brown, M D, of the Medical Department, is brought on the establishment of Surgns Maj to fill an existing vacancy.

The undermentioned Officers are permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs :—

Captain Colin Campbell Scott Moncrieff, R E, Asst Engr, 1st Grade, Dept P W, Offg Supt Engr, 1st Circle, Irrigation Works, N-W Provinces, for sixteen months.

Capt William Hope Meiklejohn, of the Genl List, Infantry, Garrison Master, 20th (Punjab) N I, for two years.

The services of Capt G W Willock of the Genl List, Infantry are to be considered as temporarily placed at the disposal of the Foreign Department, with effect from the 1st Aug 1873, instead of the dat previously notified.

The undermentioned Officer of he Staff Corps having completed five years' service as substantive Lieut Col, is promoted to be Colonel on Col by Brevet, from the date specified, subject to H M's approval :—

Lieut Col Alexander Gregor Forsyth, B S C,—7th Feby 1874.

The under-mentioned Officer is promoted to the rank of Coll by Brevet, from the date specified, subject to H M's approval :—

Lieut Col Cornwallis Oswald Maude,—B S C,—15th Aug 1873.

CENTRAL PROVINCES ORDERS.

(*Central Provinces Gazette*, Feb 14.)

Furlough to Europe for 20 months, is granted to Mr J H Fisher Offr Depy Comr, Raipur, from the 1st of April 1874, or that subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it. The usual subs diary leave is also granted to Mr Fisher.

Surgn F Blenkinsop, 5th Regt M N I, reappointed to the Civil Medical charge of Sagar, in addition to his own duties, vice Surgn Maj Renton and.

Surgeon Blenkinsop assumed charge of his duties on the 31st ultmo.

POSTAL NOTICES.

DEPARTURE OF OCEAN MAILS.

	Date.	Mail closes.	Arrival Packet.
United Kingdom	Feb. 23	5-30 P.M.	6-30 P.M.
Kurrachee	,, 20	11 A.M.	12 A.M.
Persian Gulf via Kurrachee	,, 27	11 A.M.	12 A.M.
Australian	Mar. 7	4-30 P.M.	No after packet
China	Feb. 24	4-30 P.M.	6-30 P.M.
Mauritius, Reunion, &c.	,, 23	5-30 P.M.	6-30 P.M.

OVERLAND MAIL.

The Overland Mail Steamers of the P. and O. S. N. Company leave Bombay every Monday during the fair season, and on Friday during the monsoon.

Letters will be received at the General Post Office up to 5-30 P.M

Newspapers, Books, and Patterns, up to 3 P.M.

Registered Letters up to 2 P.M. Letters presented for registration will be received between 2 and 4 P.M. on payment of an additional fee of 2 annas on each letter. The additional fee to be paid in stamps affixed to such letters.

Late letters, if fully prepaid by means of stamps in respect both of postage and of late letter fee (4 annas each), will be received at the Pier Post Office from 5-30 P.M. to 6-30 P.M.

The latest hour for posting Overland covers at the several Branch Post Offices will be 1-30 P.M.

Fully prepaid letters will be received on board the Overland Mail Steamers after 5 P.M., up to a starting time (7 P.M.) by the payment of an additional fee of Eight Annas. All others will be refused.

CHINA MAILS.

China Mail Steamers will leave Bombay as follow :—

4 P.M.

Tuesday.....Feb. 24

Registered letters will be received until 1 P.M. on the respective days.

DESPATCH OF INLAND MAILS FROM BOMBAY

REVISED TABLE of the hours for closing the Inland Mails which came into force from the 12th February and will continue so until further notice :—

MAILS.	At General Post Office. Ordinary Letters, &c.	At General Post Office. After-Packet.	At Branch Offices.
For Bengal, N. W. Provinces, Punjab, Central Provinces, Malwa, Berar, and for the following Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway—Wassind, Kumbra, Igutpoora, Nassick, Munmar, Nandgaum, Chalisgaum; and those from Bhoosawul to Jubbulpore and Bhoosawul to Nagpore...	8 A.M.	9-30 A.M.	7-30 A.M.
For all Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, as far as Bhoosawul only.	4 A.M.	5 A.M.	5 P.M. of previous day.
For all Post Towns on the N. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, for Poona and Madras Presidency; also for Ahmednugur and Sevoor	12 NOON.	1-30 A.M.	10-30 A.M.
For ditto on the S. E. Line of the G. I. P. Railway, as far as Poona, Deccan, and S. M. Country,	7-30 A.M.	8-30 A.M.	5 P.M. of previous day.
For ditto on the B. B. and C. I. Railway for Guzerat, Kurrachee, Sind, Kattiawar, and Kutch	4 A.M.	6 A.M.	5 P.M. of previous day.
For ditto in Southern Concan, i.e., for Penn, Nagotna, Mhar, Khed, Dapoolee, and Ratnagherry	6 A.M.	.....	5 P.M of previous day.

Registered letters and banghy parcels for despatch, by all mails will be received, except on Sundays, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

LETTERS.—There are six deliveries in Bombay every day : at 8 A.M., 10 A.M., 11-30 A.M., 12-30 P.M., 2 P.M., and 5 P.M. The inland post goes out at 8 A.M. for Khandesh, Berar, Nagpore, Central Provinces, Punjaub, N. W. Provinces, and Bengal, and all p t towns on the north-east line of the G. I. P. Railway to Poona, the Deccan, Southern Maratha Country, and Madras Presidency, also for Ahmednugur and Sevoor, at 12 and for Scinde, Kattywa, and Cutch at 4 A.M.; for the South Eastern line as far as Poona, 7-30 A.M. The Overland Mail for England is despatched every Monday evening at 7 o'clock, and closes at 5-30 o'clock. Late packets are received, on payment of extra postage, up till 6-30 P.M. at Apollo Bunder Postage on inland letters not exceeding ½ tolah 2 annas, 1 tolah 1 anna, 1½ tolah 2 annas, 2 tolahs 3 annas; on foreign letters not exceeding ½ ounce via Brindisi 4 annas, 1 ounce Rs. 1, via Southampton not exceeding ½ ounce 6 annas, 1 ounce 12 annas.

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the Water Police among the native craft lying off the Boree Bunder and Mody Bay, warning the Seedees of the different bugalows not to land at any of the bunders or go into the native town. The boatmen plying for hire have also been warned not to take any of the Seedees from the different bugalows on shore. For the transaction of business the nacoda and only one man are allowed to land.

On Monday afternoon about twenty-five Seedees came out at the Bazaar Gate Street, and while attempting to enter the shop of a Parsee broadcloth merchant, they were stopped by the police, and sticks and other articles were found in their possession.

The following number of rioters were confined in the different chowkies on Sunday:—Mombadevy chowkey 55, Girgaum Police chowkey 25, Oomercarry chowkey 23, and Dhobie Talao chowkey 17.

The nacoda of a bugalow, now in harbour, appeared before the Senior Magistrate on Monday, and applied that Seedee prisoners belonging to the bugalow, who were arrested on Friday, and who were sent to jail by his Worship on the following day, be ordered to be released, as he intended to take them to Calicut that day. The Magistrate refused the application.

A telegram has been received stating that every where along the line of the Bombay and Baroda Railway, at Broach, Ahmedabad, and other places, the public peace is undisturbed by any acts of Mahomedan lawlessness.

The Colaba share in Monday's alarms consisted in a warning order by General Gell, for Major Gibbs, commanding 2nd Queen's, to be in readiness with 150 men; and Colonel Bond, commanding R. A., to keep up telegraphic communications with the General Commanding between the Fort and the Colaba Light House. This eventuated at half-past 3 p.m. by a call for the immediate departure, by train, of the infantry, to be followed by a detachment R. A. to man two light field pieces at the Arsenal. This was well done by Captain Wright, who took half of his Battery down with him, and made every arrangement for them to camp the night out; fortunately, however, the Europeans were not required to remain out, but returned to their barracks, and their officers were able to attend the Governor's Ball and smile over the dangers past.

POLICE INVESTIGATION.

YESTERDAY at the Fort Police Court, before the Senior Magistrate, a Parsee named Burjorjee Sorabjee was charged with committing an aggravated assault against the person of a Mahomedan named Hoossein Mohideen on Friday, the 13th inst. Mr. Macfarlane, solicitor, who appeared on behalf of the defendant, stated that he went to the Commissioner of Police yesterday and asked him either to admit the man to bail or to place him here this day. He had been brought here to-day, and he (Mr. Macfarlane) requested the Magistrate to admit him to bail.

The Magistrate—Do you deny the assault?

Mr. Macfarlane—We do not. I say that my client assaulted the man in self-defence.

The defendant was then admitted to bail on his depositing Rs. 1,000 in cash, and offering two respectable sureties.

MEETING OF THE MAHOMEDANS TO SUPPRESS THE RIOT.

On Monday morning a well attended and influential meeting of the Mahomedan community was held at the residence of Mr. Mahomed Alli Rogay, to adopt measures to assist in terminating the present Mussulman disturbances. There were present, Messrs. Ahmedbhoy Habibhoy, Alli Mahomed Bhimjee, Rahimtoola Sooliman, Ludha Ebrahim, Moonshee Ali Ackbar, and several others. Mr. Mahomed Ali Rogay was called to the chair.

The Chairman said that the present disturbance was discreditable to their community. The Parsees, independently of being their fellow-subjects, had also every day business connections with them, and it was most injudicious for the Mussulman community to be at variance with them. If this disturbance was not quelled before the ensuing Mohurrum, he (the Chairman) deeply regretted to say that there was every fear of matters assuming an exceedingly serious aspect. It was therefore incumbent upon those present to impress upon the minds of the bulk of the Mahomedan people that the disturbance should be quelled, and that if they had any wrongs they should apply for address to the proper authorities. It was then proposed and carried unanimously, that a deputation, consisting of Mr. Mahomed Alli Rogay and Moonshee Alli Ackbar be requested to wait upon Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy at Mazagon Castle, and request him to call similar meetings of the Parsee community.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting separated.

DEATH RESULTING FROM THE RIOT.

On Tuesday afternoon, Dr. Blaney, Acting Coroner for the city of Bombay, held an inquest at the Jamsetjee Hospital on view of the body of Feroze, a Mussulman. The following evidence were taken:—

Mariam, woman, said—I am the wife of one Ambrook, and live at Old Nagpada. I have looked at the body before this inquest, and identify it as that of the abovenamed deceased, who was a weaver, and about 30 years of age. He lived at Doongree, and came to Bombay about two years ago. I last saw the deceased alive and well about a month ago, when I went to his house. I came to the Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Hospital to-day at 2-30 p.m. to see my grandfather, who is a patient in the hospital, when I was taken to the deadhouse of the hospital and there I saw the body of the deceased and recognised it as that of Feroze.

Ramjee Bhicajee said—I am a police peon No. C. 546, and do duty on the Breach Candy Road. About noon yesterday a fight occurred near Cheera Bazaar between Parsees and Seedees, along with whom were a few Mussulmans. They were fighting with sticks, and were also throwing stones. The fighting continued along the public road from Cheera Bazaar up to the house of Juggonath Sunkersett. After the mob had left Cheera Bazaar I saw the deceased lying on the public road at the corner of Sonapore lane. He was wounded on the head, and the wounds were bleeding. I called out to him and found that he was insensible. I placed him in a buggy and brought him to the Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Hospital.

Dr. William Frederick Knapp said—I am second surgeon of the Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Hospital, and live at Byculla. The deceased was received into the hospital about 12 a.m. yesterday, with symptoms of compression of the brain. He died this morning at 11-30 a.m. I made a *post mortem* examination at 3 p.m. and found a large quantity of blood effused between the skin and skull. A deep fracture extending from the frontal bone backwards through the right parietal, dividing the latter into seven pieces. A second and third divided the occipital into six pieces. A large mass of blood clot was found between the skull and dura mater and between the latter and the brain. The brain was lacerated by specules of bone, which were driven inwards and the cause of death was fracture of the skull, laceration of the brain, and compression.

This inquest was then adjourned to Friday, the 6th of March, at 2 p.m., at Byculla.

STOPPAGE OF THE MOHURRUM PROCESSIONS THIS YEAR.

NOTIFICATION.

Bombay Castle, 17th February 1874.

PUBLIC ORDER.

For the preservation of the public peace during the festival of the Mohurrum, sanctioned by the Honourable the Governor in Council, under the provisions of Section 77 of Act No. XIII. of 1856.

Whereas, by a public order of the Commissioner of Police, dated the 23rd January 1874, certain rules were established for regulating the religious processions of the Mohurrum and for the preservation of the public peace during that festival; and whereas, in consequence of certain recent serious disturbances in the city of Bombay, it has become necessary for the preservation of the public peace to prohibit all religious processions until the public tranquility is restored;

The Commissioner of Police, by order of Government, and in supersession of the said public order of the 23rd January 1874, hereby directs as follows:—

1. No assemblies or processions in the public streets, roads, or thoroughfares in the city of Bombay will be allowed during the ensuing Mohurrum.

2. No licences for erecting or carrying about a taboot, punja, or dholeeka punja, or for the use of music in the public streets at the ensuing Mohurrum will be granted, and all licences that have been granted are hereby cancelled.

(Signed) F. H. SOUTER,
Commissioner of Police.

Bombay, Mazagon Police Office, 17th February 1874

Approved and confirmed,

By order of the Honourable the Governor in Council,
JOHN NUGENT,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

THE APPROACHING MOHURRUM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Every right thinking person in this city must cordially concur in the observations you have made on the proceedings in Bombay during the past few days, and, as far as I have heard, there has been nothing but universal approval of your outspoken condemnation of the Police Commissioner's attitude, and of the inefficiency of the policemen under him in this matter.

All experience of the past must have been thrown away, and all information as to the theory of the progress of riots must have either not been known to Mr. Souter or wilfully disregarded by him. The case, as summed up, stands weightily against him, and there is not a human being in Bombay who, after what has just occurred, but will laugh to scorn any observation tending to show that the peace of the city is in safe and competent hands, under the direction of a man who has *permitted* the outrages which have occurred to take place at all. How does that case foot up against the Commissioner? There was an organised arrangement to riot, and though it was known to, or suspected by, or even apprehended by the bazaar people, it was yet not known to the police. If this is true, then the police is altogether useless to us; but if it was known to them, and no precautions were taken, then the police was criminally neglectful of the interests of the city, and should be proceeded against at law by those who have suffered by the riots. The Commissioner is welcome to either of the horns of the position. But most persons would not care to rely upon the law's delays, and the accidents and quibbles under cover of which the accused frequently escape, and would rather see adequate though summary justice meted out, by the prompt dismissal of men who have been simply worse than useless to the inhabitants of the city at their then time of need.

No one expected or wanted Mr. Souter to do *more* than the means at his disposal permitted him to do. He knew, and has admitted, that his force was inadequate, as far as Europeans were concerned. An *earnest man*, sensible of this, would not have merely *talked* of his weakness, but would have repaired it. I do not know what hindered Mr. Souter from frankly confessing his want of strength to the authorities before the riot (assuming that, as he should have done, he got wind of it equally with the bazaar people), and asking for a lot of steady non-commissioned officers or privates from the regiment at Colaba, to be sworn in as special constables; or, if he went so far as to engage temporary hands from the Strangers' Home, or any where, *or even asked for permission to so engage them.* If the difficulty was a paucity of European constables, let us know how Mr. Souter *attempted* to overcome that difficulty, beyond his highly reprehensible remarks, that the economy of the Bench of Justices had crippled him into confessed inefficiency for real work. I have an explanation of Mr. Souter's extraordinary supineness, which may be worth pondering upon. It is, that he foolishly expected to quell the riots solely by his inadequate force, and without the aid of the military, and when he had succeeded, to be able to say to a grateful and admiring public, "See how cleverly I managed it all, notwithstanding I was so crippled." Well, he is not the first man who struck out for individual popularity, or individual gains, by a bold venture, ill-advised, and badly executed; and let us hope that he will not be the last man who has had to bewail his failure and consequent punishment, as a beacon to aspiring folly in others. Although I do venture to find a tangible reason for Mr. Souter's foolish reliance upon his inadequate force, I grant that I am not bold enough to express my thoughts as to why and wherefore Mr. Souter, or his lieutenants, suffered so large a procession of Mahommedans to parade the streets alongside of a bier —or a pseudo-bier. The mounted police were openly and plainly ineffectual in their awkward efforts to prevent a melée by interposing the bodies of their horses between the combatants, who slipped under the bellies of the animals, or dodged aside, and continued the fight. As for the footmen, all who peruse the reporters' accounts of the affrays wonder in derision how frequently the wounded man, as stated by the police, was "found by them." It reads, for all the world, as if the police deliberately looked themselves indoors when a fight was going on, but strolled out, after its cessation, to pick up the killed and wounded! I cannot convey in adequate terms the contempt with which such declarations of ignorance are received by the public.

The question of the inadequacy or inefficiency o the police is but one phase of the affair, and one which the Government need not hesitate about the remedy. The man whose business it was to have all eyes and ears, and to *prevent or attempt to prevent mischief*, but who was more ignorant than the bazaar people, must go. No consideration of former service in another sphere of action, or of connections, or personal *bon-homie* ought to save him. None such would save a *lesser man* from being incontinently dismissed. The men who either did not know when they should have known, or who knowing concealed the information, ought likewise to go. There are plenty of others in Bombay, or in India, who can be taught by *such a lesson* how to do their duty.

But there is another question of great moment, which Government should take up at once, and which the press should aid it to discuss with care and completeness; and that is the propriety of allowing any number of persons under the cloak of religion to parade the streets in a disturbed and violent manner, and to use exciting language, although such behaviour does not directly lead to a breach of the peace. There is a sound philosophy in removing the key—from the keyhole if you wish—to save an intending thief from the temptation of easy thieving. Under the pretext of a religious ordinance, large masses of the Mussulmans will, in a few days more, whip themselves up into riotous frenzy, and *so much being secured* as authorized gatherings in force, and authorized excesses in behaviour and language, it is not difficult for one or two sinister minds to arrange for a further outbreak, and when the wished for revenge *has been taken, and the intended mischief done*, who cares what follows? Rarely, if ever, is the saddle placed by our wretched police upon the right horse, and while the men who really pulled the wires will escape, a few of the cat's-paws will suffer; but these latter will be willing to suffer—for religion's sake! It is not the direct and openly declared intention of breaking the law that the State should provide against, but the accidental offshoots of any arrangement which, though not *obviously* bad, is *essentially* improper and mischievous. The processions during the Mohurrum is one of these; the Holee saturnalia is another. The Government can easily put both down without incurring the charge of disrespect for the religious tenets of the believers. How it should be done is perhaps better suggested by the following order which is replete with the soundest good sense, and of which the *Bombay Gazette* of the 16th of April 1857 said, "when this order was issued, there were, we are told, some ten thousand bigoted Mussulmans in the camp and town of Jacobabad, and the number, it is believed, has since increased. Nevertheless, the prohibition has been most strictly enforced, and with our faith in the reason of men in the mass when reasonably appealed to, we are not surprised to learn that its enforcement has been submitted to without a murmur. Public opinion was with Major Jacob in this instance, as it will always be with those who lay down sound principles and act upon them consistently and impartially":—

The camp at Jacobabad has been for the last week the scene of wild disorder, such as is in the highest degree disgraceful to good soldiers.

A shameful uproar has been going on day and night under pretence of religious ceremonies.

The Commanding Officer has nothing to do with religious ceremonies.

All men may worship God as they please, and believe as they choose in matters of religion; but no men have a right to annoy their neighbours or to neglect their duty on pretence of serving God.

The officers and men of the Scinde Irregular Horse have the name of, and are supposed to be, excellent soldiers, and not mad Fakeers.

They are placed at the most advanced and most honourable post in all the Bombay Presidency; the Commanding Officer believes that they are in every way worthy of this honour, and he would be sorry if under his command they ever became unworthy of their high position.

The Commanding Officer feels it to be the greatest honour to command such soldiers, but that it would be a disgrace to be at the head of a body of mad and disorderly Fakeers and drummers. He therefore now informs the Scinde Irregular Horse, that in future no noisy processions, nor any disorderly displays whatever, under pretence of religion, or of anything else, shall ever be allowed in, or in the neighbourhood of, any camps of the Scinde Irregular Horse.

This order is to be read on the first of every month until further orders; and is to be hung up in the bazaar, in the town of Jacobabad, and at the Cutcherry. By order. (Signed) W. L. Basden, Lieutenant, Adjutant, 2nd Regiment S. I. H.

The Government, after its present experience of the value of the police of the city to keep order, *should run no further risks.* It is forced to one of two alternatives, either to be guided by the sound policy of the late "Warden of the Marches," or to let the Mohurrum processions perambulate the streets under escort of soldiers with loaded muskets, and the Artillery encamped, as you suggested, on the Esplanade.

VERB. SAP.

17th February.

AN American scientific journal says, that on the estate of Don Joaquin Alvez da Costa, at Porto Alto, Peru, a monumental stone has been discovered, which appears to have been erected by a small colony of Phœnicians, who had wandered from their native country in the 9th or 10th year of Hiram, a monarch contemporary with Solomon. It is said to bear an inscription of eight lines, written in clear Phœnician characters, without punctuation, marks, or any visible separation of the words. It has been imperfectly made out, but enough has been deciphered to learn that the party left the port of Azeongaher, and navigated about the coast of Egypt for twelve moones, but were drawn by currents out of their course, and carried to Peru. The names of the travellers are given, and further investigation may elicit more facts.

CONVOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY.

IMPORTANT DECLARATION BY THE GOVERNOR REGARDING THE RIOTS.

YESTERDAY afternoon the annual Convocation of the University of Bombay was held in the Cowasjee Jehanghier Hall. There was a brilliant attendance in the lovely building, but very few persons could hear any of the proceedings. After the usual procession and presentation of degrees,

His Excellency the Governor, who was received with loud applause, rose and said—Gentlemen of the Senate, and Ladies and Gentlemen,—I can assure you it affords me sincere pleasure to be able to preside this day on the occasion of the dedication of this noble hall to purposes to which I hope it may be dedicated for many generations to come, forming as it does but a portion of the many magnificent buildings, in connection with the education of the people of this country, which are now in the course of erection in this vicinity. It has been the fortune of Bombay, whenever it felt in want of institutions adapted to the advancing civilisation of the age, to find among its own citizens those who were both ready and proud to devote to the supply of these wants large contributions from the wealth which their energy, and ability, and experience have enabled them to accumulate. In connection with the present building I may make a few remarks. As soon as it was found that the University of Bombay could be called into existence, and that a suitable building should be provided for it, a gentleman, distinguished by his great generous liberality, Sir Cowasjee Jehanghier, at once came forward, and tendered to the Government of the day the sum of £10,000 on the condition that they should supply what further sums might be needed for completing the building, and also that no other private subscriptions should be admitted in aid of the undertaking. Government unreservedly accepted the terms, and the result is before you this day. The first step addressed to the accomplishment of the design was to obtain from Sir Gilbert Scott, the eminent architect, proper designs and plans for the building, in 1864, but from various difficulties which arose in respect of the total sum wanted and other arrangements, it appears that no real progress was made with the undertaking until near the close of the year 1868. The then Governor, Sir Seymour Fitzgerald, in the presence of the late lamented Viceroy of India, Lord Mayo, laid the foundation stone of the University Hall of Bombay. From that time to the present, as the work has gone on, the whole charge of its construction and superintendence has been in the hands of officers of our own Presidency. The working drawings were contributed by Mr. Molecey, of the Architectural Engineer's Department of Public Works; the detailed superintendence throughout has been in the hands of Mr. Muccoond Ramchunder, Assistant Engineer in the P. W. D, who, as many here can testify, devoted himself with the greatest assiduity to the completion of the building. The general charge of the whole has been of course in the hands of Colonel Fuller, the Architectural Engineer to the Government of Bombay. Of the good work which he has been able to render in that capacity it is hardly necessary for me now to speak now. All these gentlemen whom I have mentioned must feel proud and delighted at the conclusion of their labours in connection with this building, and they have, I consider, the strongest possible claim upon your gratitude and your thanks. (Applause.) Before closing my remarks upon this part of the subject, I hope that the Senate and those connected with the University will feel disposed to join me in proposing that this building henceforth be called the Cowasjee Jehanghier Hall of the University of Bombay. (Loud applause.) Other buildings will spring up around it, no doubt, but the Hall will stand alone, and having regard to that gentleman's well-directed beneficence I think my request is a fair and moderate one. (Applause.) The other buildings on the front of Bombay are now advancing to completion, and when that time comes there will be few cities in the world able to present an equally magnificent spectacle. There is, however, one building not yet begun, although the Government is pledged to the building of it. I think we ought to feel great regret because of the absence of this building—perhaps, even, feel we have acted rather unworthily by not carrying out our pledges in regard to it. Gentlemen, I allude to the School of Arts. Very many years ago—indeed, before the Queen's Government was established here—a gentleman well known to this community, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, undertook to endow a School of Arts in Bombay in a fit and proper manner, on the condition that Government should provide a suitable building. The endowment has been drawn for many years, yet the Government has done nothing respecting its part of the bargain. I hope, gentlemen, that this reproach will not long attach fairly to us, but that in the course of a short time the School of Arts will take its place among the other educational buildings of the city of Bombay. (Applause.) When that time arrives I think the city of Bombay may fairly pause in its career of architectural adornment; its inhabitants may well consider that sufficient has been done for many years to come—more, at all events, than many of the present company will live to see. It has been my fortune to see many of the largest cities in India, but I think that though others may boast of greater antiquity, and have more interesting objects to show in them, yet I consider that there is no city in India which can take precedence of Bombay in respect of public buildings of superior architecture. (Hear, hear.) I am aware, gentlemen, that it is customary on these occasions for the Chancellor of the University to review, as it were, the educational operations of the past year. But it seems to me but the other day when I had a similar opportunity of addressing the Convocation of this University and of expressing my views upon some of the more prominent points connected with education in India. I feel therefore that I should be unnecessarily intruding upon your patience if I were again to enter into details of opinions upon these points. You have just heard the report which Mr. Taylor has read, and as you can all draw your own inferences from what has taken place I may be spared from making any comments upon it. I trust, however, that I may be permitted to depart a little—or perhaps to a great extent—from the ordinary traditions of these Convocations, and to address myself to what I believe is at present the prominent and absorbing topic of interest in this community—I allude to the disturbed state of the city of Bombay. I am anxious that it should be known that the Government is in no way indifferent to the character of the city, is in no way indifferent to the sufferings and losses of life and property which some of the community have sustained. But I confess that I needed some experience of the actual course of these events in order to arrive at a clear understanding as to the position of Government, and as to what were the powers immediately within its reach in dealing with these disturbances. And I say that it finds there is no simple and efficient and practical punishment which can be instantly applied to those creating riots in this city. I say further, that there is no power in the Legislature of this Government to provide, off-hand, full legal powers to do what is necessary on the spot for keeping down such disturbances. I believe prompt punishments to be the essence of dealing with disturbances of this nature, but yet the means of bringing them about here is not in existence. I find also that there is apparently a general disinclination to take an active part in the operations of the established police of the city—that there is a disposition to leave them to cope as they best can with all the disturbances. Disturbances breaking out, first in one quarter and then in another! Yet wherever they may be the police are expected to do all the work! Such being the case, and when they have been harassed from morning till night, so that they have no rest whatever, yet they find themselves subjected to bitter and ungenerous criticisms for what they cannot possibly help. And, moreover, they feel their labours prolonged and increased by exaggerated statements of what has occurred, and which only tend to keep up the sensation in the town. I believe that the events of the past few days have proved that such is the case. Then turn to the aid which Government can give the police under such circumstances—I mean the legal aid. What does it appear to be? It appears to be that Government must have recourse to what in England, and, so far as I have seen, to what in other countries governed on English principles is always approached with the greatest caution—with the fullest possible consideration for what may be the result—that is, the interposition of the military aid to support the police! No step more serious can be taken, and no such step ought to be taken without a thorough conviction of the consequences that may ensue. At the same time, gentlemen, feeling that such is the case—feeling that this is the assistance to which alone the police must look—and being fully aware that the festival termed the Mohurrum is close at hand—the Government is sensible that it cannot possibly expect the police to sustain for many days together their prolonged exertions, and to alone preserve the public peace. We feel we must support them, and therefore, after full consideration it has determined that upon this occasion—I say "on this occasion" distinctly—the processions usual in the Mohurrum festival are not to take place. (Loud applause.) I hope and trust that we shall have, as we have a right to expect, the assistance of all honest and good men, of all classes, to put an end to these disturbances. But we do not trust to the efforts of independent people outside. We yesterday decided that troops must be sent for in such numbers that further attempts at violence will be put an end to. The consequence is, as the result of yesterday's orders, that one regiment is now in Bombay, half a European regiment will be here this evening, and cavalry will be here to-morrow. (Applause.) The movement of the military has been effected with the greatest promptitude by the authorities. I feel there may be some here who will say that this is not the proper place for such observations as I have addressed to you, but if such be your opinion I must beg your forgiveness. My object has been to satisfy the people of this country, here in the presence of the leading members of every class of society, that the Government was fully alive to its duty of protecting life and property, while fully commiserating with those who have suffered, and was prepared to do its duty to the utmost during these disturbances. (Applause.) I shall not trespass on your patience further upon this occasion, but, reverting to the business of the day, invite you to join in the hope and prayer that, under Providence, this building, with the aid of the enlightened Professors who are likely to be engaged in it, may for many generations to come be regarded as an honour to the city, and that it will long tend to assist in the moral and social improvement of the people of India. (Loud applause.) Gentlemen, I now declare this Convocation dissolved.

The procession was then reformed, and after it had left the building the general public followed its example.

BOMBAY.

CHEAP ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

WITH a view to create a system of advertising which, though very successful in England, is still quite undeveloped in India, we propose to publish in future, *at low rates for cash payments*, short advertisements of two or three lines relating to such matters as small sales, business cards, situations wanted or servants required, houses or lodgings to let, changes of residence, articles lost or found, &c., &c.

The scale for Advertisements belonging to any of these classes will be as follows:—

Not exceeding three lines.....Rs. 1
Each succeeding line ..... „ 0 8 as.

Advertisements exceeding five lines will be charged for at our present ordinary rates.

No advertisement will be inserted for less than *one rupee*, and payment must in all cases be made in *cash*.

THE TURRET SHIP MAGDALA will be hauled into dock to-day.

FIRE AT SURAT.—On Friday a fire broke out at Surat, in which four or five piece-goods shops were destroyed.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL has received a donation of Rs. 350 from His Highness Maharaja Holkar.

FIRE AT NOWSAREE.—A correspondent writes that on Friday afternoon a fire broke out at Nowsaree by which nearly eight huts belonging to coolies were completely destroyed.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GAMES.—These games have been unavoidably *postponed* till after the Mohurrum, when they will be held as originally proposed.—C. A. W. CAMERON, Honorary Secretary.

ASSAULT.—At the Girgaum Police Court yesterday, one Krishna Bhewa was charged with assaulting a Hindoo woman named Casee. He was adjudged guilty and sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment.

ACCIDENT.—Yesterday a Mahomedan named Cumrodeen Shaik Adum accidentally fell from a height of about sixteen feet in the Sassoon's new dock, and was much hurt. He was removed to the Jamsetjee Hospital.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.—A man named Muccoon Raghoo was yesterday charged before Mr. Dossabhoy Framjee with committing injury, accompanied with force, against the property of one Boodin Ragoo at Matoonga. He was convicted and fined Rs. 10, and was also bound over to keep the peace.

B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY.—It is notified by advertisement that on and after to-day the up and down mail trains will stop at Oodwara station for the purpose of taking up and setting down passengers, and that passengers can be booked to Oodwara from all stations at which the mail trains stop at present.

COUNTERFEIT COINS.—Yesterday at the Fort Police Court, before the Senior Magistrate, Gunput Gunoba and Martun Tookaram were charged, at the instance of one Bhowan Luddah, a cloth merchant, the first accused with fraudulently delivering a counterfeit of the Queen's coin, and both the prisoners with being in possession of counterfeit coin. The Magistrate after taking the complainant's evidence adjourned the case for further hearing to the 24th inst.

DEPARTURE OF THE TROOP SHIP MALABAR.

HER MAJESTY'S Troop ship Malabar, 4,414 tons, Captain G. B. M. Sulivan, will sail to-day for England vis Canal with 61 officers, 10 ladies, and 4 children, 865 men, 91 women, and 171 children. The following is the list of officers:—

105th Foot—Colonel and Mrs Mackenzie and two children, Major Sewell, Captains Gardiner, Raikes, Dannieli, and Kelly, Lieuts Davy, Byng, Beagin, Whitehill, Hilliard, Cooper, and Morrison, Lieut and Mrs Newbett, Surg Major Howard, Adjt Graham, and Paymaster Davidson.

41st Foot—Colonel and Mrs Rowlands, Major W. Allan, Captains Montgomery, Gray, Webb, Kelly, and Turkington, Captain and Mrs. Warner and two children, Lieuts Barnes, Westropp, McCausland, Mackenzie, Kennedy, Radman, Jamieson, Quirk, and Hogg, Sub-Lieut Passy, Paymaster and Mrs. O. Dowd, Adjts and Mrs Auley, Qr Master Mortimer, Surg Major Martin, Surgeons Barker and Gallwey.

4th Battalion Rifle Brigade—Major and Mrs Bashwood.

18th Brigade R A—Surg and Mrs O'Farrell and Surg Parr.

E B, R H A—Vety Surg Case.

1st Battalion 2nd Foot—Captain and Mrs. Halt.

1st Battalion 12th Foot—Captain Gardner.

Ordnance Department—Ensign Blair.

16th Brigade R A—Lieut Baker.

Medical Department—Surg and Mrs Curran and Surg Major Leitch.

4th Hussars—Lieut Grant.

70th Foot—Lieut Roupell.

55th Foot—Surg Hare.

56th Foot—Lieut Smee.

A Brigade R H A—Lieut Law.

49th Foot—Bt Major Taylor.

108th Foot—Captain Gordon.

R H A—Major Markham.

83rd Foot—Captain Thorburn.

Royal Navy—Mr Bayley.

NEW BANK OF BOMBAY (LIMITED).

STATEMENT of the affairs of the New Bank of Bombay (Limited) as on the 14th Feb. 1874, compared with the statement issued on 7th February 1874:—

LIABILITIES.	7th Feb. Rs.	14st Feb. Rs.
Proprietors Capital:—		
First Issue of 10,000 Shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid ..... Rs. 50,00,000		
Second Issue of do. of Rs. 100 do. ..... „ 10,00,000	60,00,000	60,00,000
Reserve Fund, invested in Government Securities	13,00,000	13,00,000
Government General Treasury Balance at Head Office	67,98,952	86,54,837
Do. do. do. at Branches.	26,40,246	25,13,293
Other Deposits	1,14,24,425	1,18,14,357
Post Bills	1,685	25,177
Cash Credits, undrawn	4,08,590	4,26,566
Rs.	2,85,91,198	3,07,34,232

ASSETS.		
Government Securities	23,17,242	22,33,867
Cash Credits, on Security of Government Paper Bullion, and Merchandise	17,56,379	17,12,276
Loans, on Security of do do.	18,53,320	28,04,624
Current Accounts, overdrawn	3,676	3,030
Bills Discounted	1,24,51,503	1,24,03,146
Stamps	5,306	5,275
Dead Stock ..... Rs. 5,01,655		
Amount applied in reduction „ 95,000	4,06,636	4,06,655
Bullion	2,56,356	1,92,73
Cash Balances with Correspondents ...	2,06,560	2,62,095
Cash and Currency Notes	93,34,120	1,07,22,191
Rs.	2,85,91,198	3,07,34,232

MARAVILLA COCOA.—TAYLOR BROTHERS (the largest Manufacturers of Cocoa in Europe), having the exclusive supply of this unrivalled Cocoa, invite comparison with any other Cocoa for Purity—fine Aroma—Sanative, Nutritive and Sustaining Power—Easiness of Digestion—and especially, high delicious flavour. One trial will establish it as a favourite Beverage for Breakfast, luncheon, and a Soothing Refreshment after a late evening. N.B. Caution—"MARAVILLA" is a registered Trade Mark.

MARAVILLA COCOA.—The *Globe* says, "TAYLOR BROTHERS' Maravilla Cocoa has achieved a thorough success, and supersedes every other Cocoa in the market. Entire solubility, a delicate aroma, and a rare concentration of the purest element of nutrition, distinguish the Maravilla Cocoa above all others. For Invalids and Dyspeptics we could not recommend a more agreeable or valuable beverage." For further favourable opinion, vide *Standard, Morning Post, British Medical Journal, &c., &c.*

HOMŒOPATHIC COCOA.—This original preparation, which has attained such a world-wide reputation, is manufactured by TAYLOR BROTHERS, under the most homœopathic advice, aided by the skill and experience of the inventors, and will be found to combine in an eminent degree the purity, fine aroma and nutritious property of the fresh nut.

SOLUBLE CHOCOLATE, made in one minute without boiling. The above articles are prepared exclusively by TAYLOR BROTHERS, the largest manufacturers in Europe, and are in limited packets only by Storekeepers and others all over the world. Steam Mill, Brick Lane, London, and Quicq Mill, Bruges, Belgium.

SHIPPING ITEMS.

THE SHIP INSPECTOR, 1,482 tons, Captain J. B. Thomas, will sail to-day for New York with a general cargo.

THE P. AND O. Co.'s s.s. COLUMBIAN, 1,417 tons, Captain E. G. Stead, sailed yesterday for China, &c., with 3,447 bales cotton and a general cargo.

THE s.s. RAFFAILES, 81 tons, Nacoda, arrived in harbour yesterday from Dwarka (Feb. 13th) with a general cargo and thirty-one deck passengers.

THE SHIP BENEFACTRESS, 1,276 tons, Captain J. Gibbs, will sail to-day for Liverpool with a cargo of 7,955 bales cotton, 500 owts galls, 375 owts sunseeseed, and sundries.

THE s.s. OORUN, 162 tons, Nacoda, arrived in harbour yesterday from Dwarka (February 15th) with a general cargo and ten deck passengers. She sailed yesterday for Cutch, with a general cargo and sixty-four deck passengers.

THE s.s. WEST STANLEY, 992 tons, Captain W. J. Hynes, arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool (January 10th), calling at Malta, Port Said, via the Suez Canal, with 1,477 tons coals. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Sir Charles Forbes & Co.

HER MAJESTY'S SHIP DALHOUSIE, 1,066 tons, Captain H. W. Warner, arrived in harbour yesterday from Aden and Porebunder. She left Aden on the 6th, and Porebunder on the 16th, with Commissariat stores and 2 officers, 2 ladies, and European and native details. The following is the list of officers and details:—Captain and Mrs. Budd, R. A., Dr. and Mrs. James. European details—3 warrant officers, 1 woman, 3 rank and file, 3 women and 4 children. Native details—28 rank and file, 13 women and 16 children, 24 public followers and 38 private followers.

IN THE SESSIONS COURT OF TANNA, FIRST CRIMINAL SESSIONS OF 1874.

3RD FEBRUARY 1874.

(Before the Assistant Sessions Judge.)

Case No. 18 of 1874.

The Crown versus Bali, wife of Balu.

The accused was charged with having committed mischief by fire, in that she burnt down a house and an outhouse belonging to one Balu, son of Chaku, at Gorhad, in the Wada taluka of the Tanna district.

Mr. Crowe, the Assistant Sessions Judge, said that there were no grounds for proceeding, and therefore acquitted and set the prisoner at liberty.

Case No. 12 of 1874.

The Crown versus 1, Gopal, son of Khandu; 2, Daji, son of Govind; 3, Rakhma, son of Dhondu; and 4, Lakhia, son of Sadu.

The accused persons were charged with having committed dacoity at the house of Balla Dhondu Gholap at Mangam, in the Kurjut taluka of the Tanna district.

Mr. Crowe, the Assistant Sessions Judge, concurred with the assessors, and convicted the five accused persons on the charge, under section 395 of the Indian Penal Code, and said that the accused one and all admitted their guilt, but pleaded that they were intoxicated. He observed also, that in all probability they had been drinking, as often is the case, but that it was no excuse for their crime. It appeared that the accused did not use much violence, and he therefore passed a light sentence, and ordered each of them to undergo two years' rigorous imprisonment.

4TH FEBRUARY 1874.

Case No. 7 of 1874.

The Crown versus Dhondu, son of Balu.

The accused was charged having intentionally given false evidence in a judicial proceeding, viz. in the course of the trial of Dorabjee and others, before the first class magistrate, Mr. F. Hamilton. He stated in evidence—"I gave no statement before the third class magistrate, nor did he ask me anything, and that I was taken before the third class magistrate by the chief constable of Bhewndy," which statement he knew to be false.

Mr. Crowe, the Assistant Sessions Judge, delivered judgment in the following words:—"The accused Dhondu Balu Parit is charged under section 193 of the Penal Code with having intentionally given false evidence in a judicial proceeding, in that he stated on solemn affirmation before Mr. Hamilton, a magistrate of the 1st class, 'I made no statement before the third class magistrate of Bhewndy concerning Cursetjee's murder. Last Sunday the foujdar took me before the magistrate,' &c., during a judicial proceeding, namely, an enquiry into the murder of one Cursetjee. The points for determination are—1, whether he intentionally made the above statement in a judicial proceeding? 2, whether the statement constitutes false evidence? My finding is—1, that the accused did make the above statement intentionally in a judicial proceeding; 2, that the statement constitutes false evidence. Exhibit No. 3 in this case is the deposition given by the accused on 30th October 1873 before Mr. Hamilton, 1st class magistrate. It is proved by Mr. Hamilton (No. 9) that the accused made the deposition before him in the course of his enquiry into the charge against certain prisoners for the murder of one Cursetjee at Bhewndy. The first part of this deposition contains the statement that the accused made no statement before the third class magistrate of Bhewndy regarding Cursetjee's murder. The deposition in itself is recorded in this case (No. 2), and according to the provisions of section 80 of Act I of 1872, the Court is bound to presume that the document is genuine, that the statement as to the circumstances under which it was taken purporting to be made by the person signing it are true, and that the evidence or statement was duly taken. The magistrate himself has however been summoned a witness for the prosecution, and he (No. 4) clearly states that exhibit No. 2 is a deposition made by the accused before him, that it was written by him, and contains accurately what the accused stated. He further states that the accused came alone, and that it was on Sunday. The pleader for the accused has contended that it being Sunday, and not a day authorised for the disposal of criminal business, the accused did not consider the awal karkoon and third class magistrate in the capacity of a magistrate, so as to make his deposition false evidence. This contention, however, can have no weight whatever. The question is not whether the deposition made before the third class magistrate was legally and formally made, but whether he made a statement before that officer voluntarily, and, having done so, denied that he had done so, thereby inducing the magistrate of the first class who conducted the enquiry to believe that he had not stated what the record represented him to have stated, and materially affecting the result of the investigation then pending. His entire statement (No. 3) shows clearly what his intention was, viz. to represent, not that he was mistaken regarding the official capacity of the officer who examined him, but that he was never examined at all, and that what was said to be stated by him was really stated by the foujdar. I see no reason whatever for discrediting the testimony of the witness Maddaorao Govind, as one of the assessors has done. He certainly made no statements regarding his questioning of the accused, but I consider they arose from inadvertency or mi

MADRAS RACES—1874.

FOURTH DAY, THURSDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY.

ALTHOUGH the card for yesterday's racing showed few acceptances, the racing however of those that did accept was A. 1. The stand we are sorry to say was not as well-filled with the fair sex.

THE ZEMINDAR PLATE – Rs. 500, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 100. H. F. One mile and three-quarters.

	st. lb.
Mr. Foxwell's.....b w h The Quack	8 10 Cavanagh...1
H. H. The Maharajah of Vizianagram's.....b w h Partisan	8 7 Cousens.....2

Time– 2m. 51½s.

THE GUINDY HANDICAP—Rs. 200, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 40. H. F. For all horses that have started in the Ladies' Purse, Selling Stakes, Corinthian Stakes, and Steeple Chase. Three-quarters of a mile.

	st. lb.
Mr. Dunbar's.....b w g Carlow	9 7 Williamson.1
Mr. Downall's.....ch w g Fireman	8 10 Cavanagh ..2
Mr. Pilgrim's.....b w m Allegra	8 7 Hackney ..3
Mr. Hill's.....br w g The Cure	8 0 Baron 4

Time—1m. 21s.

THE TURF CLUB HANDICAP.—Rs. 500, added to a sweepstakes of Rs. 100. H. F. One mile and three-quarters.

	st. lb.
Mr. Casey's.....b a h Marquis	8 10 Tyrrell 1
H. H. The Maharajah of Vizianagram's....g a h Lucifer	9 12 Cousens ..2
Aga Ali Asker's.....g a h Hadjee	7 7 Baron.....3

Time—2m 52½s.

HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE.—Rs. 300. For all horses that have started for a Steeple Chase during the meeting. A sweepstakes of Rs. 40. H. F. About one mile and three-quarters.

	st. lb.
Mr. Dunbar's.....b w g Chieftain	11 12 Mr. Irvine...1
Mr. Pulley's.....b w g Phantom	13 0 Clarke.....2
Mr. Hill's.....bl w g Jorrocks	11 5 Owner.....0

We were glad to see Captain Gould, who came to grief on the last day's races on Fanny, again to the front, and the meeting so far has passed off without any broken limbs.—*Madras Athenæum.*

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 41 C.B., dated 28th Jan 1874.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. Dept. to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Marine Dept.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1218 of the 8th December 1873, submitting a Resolution by the Government of Bombay and other papers on the subject of the construction of docks on the Elphinstone estate in Bombay, and to reply as follows.

2. His Excellency the Viceroy and some of the members of the Government of India had the advantage of fully discussing at Agra the proposals of the Port Trust Commissioners with His Excellency the Governor of Bombay and some of the Commissioners and their Engineer. The conclusion then arrived at by His Excellency the Viceroy was that there was a risk, which the Bombay Government did not seem to apprehend, in starting the dock scheme with inadequate accommodation.

3. The majority of the Port Trust Commissioners and especially the mercantile members, who must have the best means of judging on this point, are satisfied that the smaller dock, which the minority of the Trust and the Bombay Government advocate, would not provide sufficient accommodation to the trade even at first. It seems probable that the majority are right on this point, and, if so, a very serious mistake may be made in adopting an inadequate scheme in the beginning.

4. On considering the matter as submitted by the Bombay Government with their Resolution forwarded with your letter under reply, I am directed to state that the Governor-General in Council, for the reasons above stated, considers that the most prudent course to adopt will be to take up the larger of the two schemes contemplated by the Government of Bombay in the concluding paragraph of its Resolution, namely, that suggested by Mr. Kettridge. The Government of India does not apprehend that it will be necessary to increase the port and dock dues in consequence beyond the maximum provided in the Port Trust Act, as is apparently feared by the Government of Bombay.

5. I accordingly to request that the Port Trust Commissioners may be authorized to proceed as soon as possible with the Elphinstone basin project at an estimated cost of about £709,000.

6. Instructions will be issued in the Financial Department to provide the necessary funds on loan as promised in Mr. Aitchison's letter of the 2nd December 1872, in such portions as may be required for the due progress of the works; applications should be made from time to time accordingly, the amount of the loan required for this project being shown separately in the annual budget estimates of the Port Trust.

7. To prevent misconception, I am to say that the interest on the loan, while the work is under construction, will not be levied as it falls due, but will be added to the capital debt. To prevent confusion, the account of this special loan of £709,000 should be kept quite distinct from the other loans for works connected with the Port Trust.

CONSTRUCTION OF DOCKS ON THE ELPHINSTONE ESTATE IN BOMBAY.

Memorandum on the Financial aspect of the Dock question by Colonel M. K. Kennedy, R.E., Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Public Works Department.

FINANCIAL.

I pass over the question of piers. While such constructions have the merit of cheapness and comparative rapidity of construction, there are counterbalancing disadvantages which, I think, put them out of the calculation as the means of dealing with a large trade in this harbour.

2. It remains, therefore, to consider wet docks and tidal basins, and the proposals for such works put forward by the Port Trust.

3. These proposals are to construct a wet dock with a water area of 29 acres and a tidal basin with an area of 9 acres, the former to impound a column of water of 24 feet and the latter to be dredged to 14 feet under low water. The channels to be dredged to 12 feet under low water extreme springs, or to the level of the dock sill.

4. It is not proposed, at present, to undertake the larger or Elphinstone channel, but to depend on the smaller, Moody or lateral, channel for access to the dock and basin, and this coupled with the fact that the channel and basins will not be placed so low, by 8 feet, as in the first scheme that was discussed *vi. e.*, that for tidal basins), is so far satisfactory that it will do away, in a great measure, with objections that have been raised in regard to the difficulty of forming and of maintaining deep depressions in soft mud bottom of this harbour.

5. The cost of this scheme is estimated at £852,064; £796,322 for the works, and 7 per cent. on this amount, *i. e.*, £55,742 for establishments.

6. This sum does not, however, include interest during construction, which, in the terms of letter No. 20., dated 2nd December 1872, must be added. Correcting this omission, the total capital amount on which interest would have to be paid on the completion of the works, would be £974,490*; and it is, therefore, on this sum that in the terms of the above quoted letter from the Government of India the Port Trust would have to pay interest at 4½ per cent., and for the provision of which the Government of Bombay would be required to bind itself, "to impose on the shipping and "trade such charges for the use of the docks not exceed- "ing a maximum as will ensure an income sufficient "to provide for the working expenses, and for all "interest."

7. It may be assumed, for the purposes of these calculations, that the estimate framed is a correct one, though, if the financial results obtained on this basis are considered provisionally satisfactory, it will be necessary that Government, who will, in point of fact, take up on itself all responsibility for these extensive works, should for its own protection take steps to examine very carefully the professional details of the designs and estimate with a view to satisfying itself that the calculations are neither in excess or deficit of what is really needed.

8. Working with these figures, the Port Trust, by a simple and short calculation, arrive at a result that shows a net revenue earning sufficient to pay 4½ per cent. on a capital sum of £1,453,333, that is, on a sum, £661,239, in excess of the capital they estimate will be required for the works they propose; in other words they calculate that about 7½ per cent. will be earned by these works instead of 4½ per cent., the minimum return required.

9. In the first place I am somewhat doubtful whether the estimate for establishment is sufficient at 7 per cent. Colonel O'Connel, R.E., in his memorandum to the Government India, dated 12th May 1873, calculates this item at 25 per cent. This is no doubt greatly too much, but perhaps it would not be safe to take less than 10 per cent; this would increase the estimate to £875,354, and adding interest during construction, the total sum would be raised to £998,380, or, in round numbers, to a million sterling.

10. The revenue earnings are calculated on the assumption that 545 vessels, of one thousand tons each, will be dealt with annually in the docks, and that each vessel will pay £120 dock charges. The sum of £120 is arrived at by a charge of 2*s.* 6*d.* on each ton of cargo landed and shipped on the dock wharves, calculating 700 tons to each 1,000 tons of register, and 6*d.* on each ton of register in addition as dock dues.

11. There appears to be no objection to these rates, but as regards the deduction of 40 per cent. for working expenses, I think it will be found insufficient if, as I believe to be the case, and as I shall endeavour to show is probable, so many ships as the Port Trust calculate on will not use the docks. I shall allude to this point further on.

12. 545 thousand ton vessels, the number calculated on by the Trust, represent very nearly the whole export and import trade of the port in square-rigged vessels, except the tonnage due to forty such vessels, which, it is estimated, will use the Sassoon's Dock, and 15 deducted "for those months in the year in which fewer vessels enter the port than the proposed dock and basin would accommodate" (*vide* para. 20 of the report.)

13. The total tonnage of the port, exports and imports, carried in square-rigged vessels, amounts, according to the Port Trust Committee's report, to 855,649 tons, and I think it is an error to assume that very nearly the whole of this will make use of docks. A large deduction must, I believe, be made for certain classes of cargo.

14. Of the tonnage above mentioned, 178,477 consisted of coal imports, very little of which will probably be landed in dock.

15. The Great Indian Peninsula Railway alone imported 97,610 tons of coal. They have their own basins, wharves, and storage ground, and as they could reckon on landing and stacking their coal on their own premises for 12 annas per ton (the charge at present is only 10 annas exclusive of an allowance for wastage) it it not likely they would, if they could avoid it, incur loss by paying Rs. 1-4-0 per ton for landing their coal in the dock, from whence they would have to incur additional outlay for conveying it to their own premises.

16. The same argument applies with even greater force to the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company, which imported 5,679 tons of coal, their wharves being at a greater distance.

17. The Government coal, which amounted to 6,357 tons, could not be landed in dock, and from thence conveyed to the depot on the Appollo Reclamation without considerable loss; and the large quantity of coal which goes to the Frere Land Company's wharves, 30,000 tons, and which is required chiefly for the spinning mills in the northern part of the island, would still go there direct from the ship's side, and would not be landed in dock at a clear loss.

18. Coal is not, moreover, a desirable article to deal with on wharves used for general cargoes, and objections to large quantities of it might be raised on that score.

19. Taking all these circumstances into consideration, it would be a very liberal estimate to calculate on half the total imports of coal being landed in dock, or say 89,238 tons.

20. The timber imports amounted to 22,507 tons, and none of it would obviously be landed in dock.

21. The grain (rice) imports amount to 85,000 tons, and I have reason to believe that very little of this would use the docks.

22. The rice is brought from Calcutta, Burmah, &c., in sailing ships, under insurance against total loss only, and not against any risk short of that, either on the voyage or in landing. It is a description of cargo easily handled, and is consigned almost exclusively to native merchants, who have their own arrangements for landing and shipping. The vessels that bring it either fill up with salt, which they can do with facility in the stream, or "go seeking" in ballast, and in the majority of cases there would be no inducement, but the contrary, to docking.

23. A good deal of grain is also transhipped in the harbour, and the only vessels carrying grain that could be at all depended on to use the dock are such steam vessels as arrive with general cargoes through the Canal, and which might make a trip to fetch grain while a cargo of cotton is being got ready for them. These cases are not frequent, but, as in the case of coal, I will suppose that half the imports, or 42,500 tons of grain, will be landed on the dock wharves.

24. The same remarks will apply to sugar imported from the Mauritius, &c., according to the return, 16,820 tons, and I will take the same proportion, or 8,410 tons.

25. Even if ships carrying this class of goods, *i. e.*, coal, grain, and sugar should be compelled to go into dock, it is probable that it would be found that consignees would prefer to land the cargoes in boats to putting them on the dock wharves, and the same remarks would apply to cotton exports. If all the cotton or the great bulk of it, is pressed at Colaba, it would be more to the advantage of the shippers to convey it by water to the dock, rather than to cart it by land.

26. It is the custom in London and elsewhere not to charge dock-rates on goods landed or shipped in boats or lighters, and if a contrary course were pursued here the portion of the trade so dealt with would have to bear a burden which ought not to be put upon it, and which it would not willingly or contentedly endure. The result of any attempt to levy charges on goods not landed or shipping over the dock wharves would probably be to keep a good deal of the shipping out of the dock.

27. Another point that bears upon the question of the use of docks by the entire trade is the delay that frequently occurs in filling up with cotton, the staple article of export. A ship has often to wait a long time for cargo, and the stowage is a slow process, as the bales have to be carefully packed and passed into the vessel, and ships, independent of other circumstances, might, and I believe, often would, prefer to lie in the stream rather than undergo a long detention in dock.

28. Applying the above deductions, the following result is obtained :—

Deduct	Tons.
For coal imports	89,238
" Timber "	22,507
" Grain "	42,500
" Sugar "	8,410
Total Tons.....	162,655

Representing about 230 ships of 1,000 tons register each that would not, in all probability, go into dock to unload, and would not be likely, therefore, to go into dock to load. Deducting this number from 600, the total number of vessels calculated on by the Trust Committee, there will remain 370 that would use docks, and reducing this number for the shipping that would resort to the Sassoon Docks, &c. (*vide* paragraph 20 of the report), the number of ships that would be dealt with in the Port Trust's docks would be 336, which, at £120 each, would represent a revenue of £40,320, while the sum required to pay interest at 4½ per cent. on £974,490 is £43,832. I calculate, therefore, that if the Dock Committee's scheme be carried out, there would be, *at least*, a deficit of £3,512.

29. I say at least because, looking to the low rates of boat charges that prevail, and are likely to prevail, as compared with the proposed dock rates, I believe that the number of vessels I have taken is a maximum, and because I think a still further deduction on account of working expenses must be made. A very large portion of such expenses would be on account of dredging basins and channels, and would remain the same, whatever the number of ships using the docks might be. If, then, 40 per cent. is a right calculation, when 545 ships are dealt with, it must be too small when the calculation only affects 336 ships.

30. In dealing with a question of this important character involving an outlay of nearly one million sterling, for which the Government would be alone responsible, caution is, I think, necessary in considering propositions which emanate from those who have all to gain, in many ways, and nothing to lose. It is right in such a matter to take full estimates of outlay and safe estimates of returns, and, adopting this principle, the conclusion that I have come to is, that the scheme put forward by the Trust will not fulfil the condition imposed by the Government of India in their letter of the 2nd December 1872; that there should be good reason to believe "that the works, when completed, will ensure a sufficient income to meet all working expenses and interest on the cost of construction, and of the additional capital involved in the postponement of interest during construction.

31. I have thus far been dealing with the proposals made by the majority of the Port Trust Committee on Wet Docks, such proposals having been endorsed by a small majority of the whole body of the Trustees.

32. Of this Committee, however, the two official members, one of whom is the Chairman of the Trust, have recorded their dissent from the course of action proposed; and the Honorable Mr. Revenscroft, a Trustee, has put in a strong protest against the conclusion arrived at by the Trust.

33. This protest is chiefly directed to the sanitary aspect of the question, which I shall notice in greater detail in another memorandum, but it also expresses a strong doubt as to the soundness of calculations of the majority of the Dock Committee as regards the estimated revenue of the works; this doubt I have, I think, above shown to be well founded.

34. Mr. Ravenscroft does not, however, raise such strong objections to the plan proposed by the minority of the Dock Committee, and his reasons appear to be that, should the measure they suggest be attended with any sanitary evils a remedy could be applied without financial ruin.

35. It now, therefore, remains to consider the modifications of the whole scheme advocated by the dissentients—Colonels Ballard and Hancock.

36. These gentlemen propose that the Elphinstone Dock shall not be undertaken at all at present, and that the Musjid Basin shall be converted into a wet dock,—the cost of the work, including channels, is stated to be about £300,000.

37. This dock would accommodate 24 ships at the same time, and as it is calculated in the Committee's Report that the detention of a ship in dock would vary from 21 to 30 days, the accommodation would be sufficient for the number of ships, 336, which I have estimated above would annually use a dock.

38. If, as was done in the case of the larger scheme, interest on capital during construction be added to the £300,000, the Musjid Dock is calculated to cost, the capital on which interest would be payable would be raised to £328,000. To pay this, the dock would have to earn a revenue of £4,760, and I have shown above that it is probable that a maximum revenue of £40,320 would be available. The work that the Members of the Committee who dissent propose would be likely, therefore, to be a financial success.

39. The result on the basis I have calculated would probably be still more favourable, as the working expenses in a smaller dock, and with a shorter channel, ought to be less than those estimated for the more extensive work at 40 per cent.

40. The course advocated by the minority of the Dock Committee is very much in accord with that suggested by the Government of India in their Resolution No. 279—83 S. C. of the 1st July 1873, in the following words:—

"It is at the same time here suggested, that it would be desirable, if possible, to execute at first a portion of a large scheme, so as to judge of the probable results before the outlay has been incurred,"

and I fully endorse the opinion expressed in the last paragraph of the dissent, that were these works projected by a private company, the prudent course suggested by the dissentients, is that which would probably be adopted.

41.—It is a very strong point in favour of the dissent that if it were hereafter found that closed docks were objectionable on sanitary grounds, the smaller, or Musjid Dock, could be conveniently converted into a tidal basin, while it would not be so in the case of the Elphinstone Dock, as so great an area of shallow basin as the latter would afford is not needed by the trade. As Mr. Ravenscroft puts it in the case of the Musjid Dock, the remedy for any sanitary failure could be applied without any financial ruin, and a like change could not be applied in the case of the Elphinstone Dock without financial ruin.

42. There is, however, another very serious practical objection to proceeding with the larger scheme at once, which demands the most careful consideration. What is to become of the large trade now transacted at the Elphinstone Bunder while the work is in progress? This trade would either be driven away to other competing wharves, those of the Colaba, Mazagon, Frere Companies, &c., involving an immediate loss of revenue, or a large preliminary outlay would have to be incurred, in adapting Moody Bay to receive it, thus adding to the capital involved in the project.

43. I think, too, that the project, as it stands, is incomplete in two essential particulars :—

1st.—A sufficient provison for sheds and warehouses has not been made; and

2nd.—There is no provision for seamen's barracks or hulks.

44. On the first point, I believe, it would greatly contribute to the success of docks, if it is not essential to their extensive use by the trade, that there should be ample storage room, so that the docks might be able to compete, as they would certainly have to do, with the vested interests in landing and shipping, by means of boats which would endeavour in every way to underbid the docks in dealing with the trade. And on the 2nd point the weight of opinion goes to show that the crews of vessels ought not to be kept for so long a period as from 21 to 30 days living on board ships in a closed dock.

45. What the addition to the cost of the scheme would be in respect to these two arrangements I am not prepared at present to say, but it would be considerable.

46. The conclusions to which I arrive therefore, are :—

1*st.*—That a case has not been made out for the entire scheme endorsed by the Port Trust, and that that scheme ought not, therefore, to be encouraged by Government.

2*nd.*—That setting aside the idea of sanitary risk, which I will refer to in another paper, to which I solicit particular attention, the smaller scheme proposed in the dissent might be undertaken without financial risk. The true and most prudent policy in this, and in similar cases, I believe to be to proceed tentatively, to provide only for certain and well-ascertained demands, and not for wants which have not fully developed themselves, and which may never arise.

M. K. KENNEDY, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

IRRIGATION IN TIRHOOT AND OTHER DISTRICTS IN BENGAL SUFFERING FROM SCARCITY.

Nos 78—82 I, dated 12th February 1874.

Observations *by the Government of India*, P. W. Dept. Read :—

Resolution by the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 28th October 1873, Nos. 431—9 B.C.

Letter No. 803 I, from Deputy Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, to Joint Secretary to Government of Bengal, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, dated 31st October 1873.

Letter No. 3329, from Secretary to Government of Bengal, to Secretary to Government of India, dated 8th November 1873.

Letter No. 2981 of 14th November 1873, from Secretary to Government of India, Financial Department, to Secretary to Government of Bengal, Financial Department.

Letter No. 1631 I, dated 17th December 1873, from Secretary to Government of Bengal, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, to Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, and enclosures.

Extract from a Note by the Inspector General of Irrigation Works, No. 52 of 31st December 1873.

Letter No. 18 A—I of 21st January 1874, from Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, to Joint Secretary to Government of Bengal, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

OBSERVATIONS.—On learning that the Government of Bengal anticipated a scarcity in the Patna Division during the present dry season, the Government of India, in a Resolution dated Simla, 28th October 1873, drew attention to the project for completing the Gunduck Embankments as one source of relief by employment of the people. Subsequently in a letter dated the 31st October, the attention of the Bengal Government was called to the scheme for irrigation in Chumparan, Sarun, and Western Tirhoot, which had been prepared in 1869 and 1870.

2. The embankment project has already been set in hand under the orders of the Local Government pursuant to the general sanction given by the Government of India in October, and a grant of funds has been made accordingly on the application of the local Government.

3. At the time of making the application for funds for the embankment scheme, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor forwarded a note by Colonel Gaillver, the Officiating Chief Engineer for Irrigation in Bengal, on the two irrigation projects, of which one, deriving its source from the Lower Gunduck was submitted to the Government of India in 1869, and the other, from the Upper Gunduck, is now for the first time laid before the Government of India.

4. The lower scheme, originating at about 85 miles about the confluence of the Gunduck with the Ganges, consists of a proposed weir across the Gunduck with 369 miles of irrigation and navigation channels on the east or left Bank, extending north of the Ganges between that river and the Boor Gunduck, as far east as Monghyr, and 156 miles of similar channels on the west or right bank of the Gunduck extending over the eastern half of the district of Sarun. Major Jeffreys, R.E., who prepared the project estimated the whole cost at 138½ lakhs, or £1,384,826, and the nett maximum returns at £197,594. The scheme was referred again to the local Government for further consideration of the financial prospects by the local Revenue authorities. Those authorities were not satisfied that the weir would be found used, and the scheme therefore not promising early financial success, it has not till now been re-submitted by the local Government.

5. The upper scheme, having its origin at a second proposed weir 80 miles higher up the Gunduck and about 20 miles from the point of debouchure of the Gunduck River from the Lower Himalayas, has been estimated by Mr. Stoney who prepared the project under Mr. Levinge's general directions to cost 107½ lakhs, or £1,072,643, and to yield a possible nett income of £62,100.

6. This scheme contemplates navigable and irrigation channels in Chumparan on the east or left bank of the river, and it was intended that the canals should join those of the lower scheme before mentioned. It terminates, eastwards on reaching the banks of the Bagmuttee River at a point nearly due north of Mozuffurpoor.

7. Neither of these projects therefore provides for the irrigation of that part of Tirhoot most severely affected by drought during the current and former years. And as the embankment scheme with the local works which have been set in hand will afford sufficient work for the relief of the distress, it seems desirable that further investigation should be made in view to such modification of the projects above described as may be deemed proper to meet the more pressing wants of the country now and recently affected by drought.

8. But in order to prevent the tract immediately behind the new embankments now in progress suffering from possible want of water, the proposal for a small canal, submitted by Colonel Haig, may be carried out as soon as the local Government is satisfied that it can conveniently be done. This proposal is so far in course of execution that the local Government has decided to take advantage of the construction of the embankments, to excavate the earth required for them so as to permit of an irrigation channel being formed immediately behind them, with a discharging capacity of 400 cubic feet per second. An estimate for the completion of the canal, prepared quite independently of the larger project discussed in this Resolution, should be submitted at an early date for sanction.

9. Meanwhile, the Governor-General in Council desires that immediate steps may be taken to complete the further investigation of the means of meeting best the most pressing wants of Tirhoot, Sarun and Champaran and of the northern parts of the districts of Monghyr and Bhaugulpoor in regard to irrigation. The points to which His Excellency in Council desires especially to direct attention are the following.

10. Without losing sight of the advantages of navigable canals as a means of cheap transport, His Excellency in Council is disposed to think that a more easily provided and convenient means of meeting at once some portion of the wants of the country as regards the transport of passengers, grain and merchandise will be afforded by railways. The provision of railways for parts of the tract north of the Ganges and Gogra is already under the consideration of the Governor-General in Council, and will be peearately dealt with. It is only noticed here to indicate that the canal scheme need not at the present stage in view to navigation be rendered more expensive than is necessary to afford the irrigation which is its primary object.

11. In the next place, it has to be remembered that the almost unanimous testimony of local authorities is that canal irrigation in Tirhoot and Sarun is not required in ordinary seasons. It appears also that even in seasons of scarcity the want of irrigation though by no means absent in the southern tracts is principally felt in northern Tirhoot and Champarun. It is probable that a wide-spread system of irrigation, affording a large supply of water to the lowers parts of the tract in question, would not for very many years be thought into general use. It seems, therefore neither necessary nor expedient to lay out capital largely in constructing such a system, at least until the demand for water from less expensive works has shown that the people have learned to appreciate, and are likely to be willing to pay for it.

12. For the first introduction of irrigation for the rice crops in seasons of deficient rains in Sarun and the southern part of Tirhoot, simple works of the nature of what are called inundation canals in Sindh and the Punjab may probably suffice. These may be useful too to prepare the ground for sowing spring crops. And it seems likely that these may be easily constructed by making the necessary short connecting channels to lead the waters of the Gunduck into natural drainage channels. For western Sarun in this case the water would probably have to be obtained from sources in Gorruckpoor. This subject will require early attention, but the immediate object now for consideration is the more distressed tract to the north.

13. Thus limited the immediate requirement is such a scheme of irrigation as shall convey an unfailing supply of water to those parts of the country which suffer most severely from drought, thereby providing a sufficiency of water to save a proportion of the rice crops and afford the means of sowing, and moderate irrigation for wheat and barley in bad seasons.

14. It seems desirable, therefore, to confine the investigation now to be undertaken to one head-work, if possible without a weir, on the Upper Gunduck, following the general direction of the projected High Level Canal in the Upper Gunduck Project submitted,—but to carry this channel across the Bagmuttee River, with a view to introducing irrigation in the neighbourhood of Seetamurhee and Mudhobunnee, and that, if possible, it should be extended so far as to meet a similar canal from the Kosi River to the east of those places

15. The opportunity afforded by a detailed examination of the country for this project should be taken advantage of to ascertain the capabilities of the Bagmuttee, Kumla and Muchee Rivers to aid in the supply of irrigation for the tract of country lying between the Bagmuttee on the west, and the Kosi on the east.

16. The local Government should be requested to put forward any modification of the scheme sketched in the preceding paras. that an examination of the country may suggest.

17. The financial arrangements connected with the project will be separately considered hereafter.

18. What is immediately necessary is to set on foot the further investigation of the engineering features of the case, and to determine in the first place the best means of meeting the wants of the country in the limited sense now explained, and in the second place the possibility of extension hereafter. It will be arranged in communication with the Government of Bengal that Engineers and Surveyors shall be deputed at once to carry out this inquiry under proper instructions from the Chief Engineer of Irrigation.

19. But the interests of the western part of the district of Gorruckpore in the waters of the Gunduck should not be overlooked, and the Government of the North Western Provinces will be asked to report on this point.

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